THE STATVTES VVHIche the Iustices of peace, Mayres, Shyrreffes, Bailiffes, Constables, and other offycers were of late commaunded by the kynges maiesty to put in execution, on peyne of his most hygh indignation and displeasure.

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AGEYNST NEVVE FANGLED NEVVES.

Anno.2. Richardi.2. Ca 5.

IT is straitly defended vpon greuous peyne, for to eschew damagys and peryls, that none from henſforth be ſo hardy, to fynd, ſay, or to tell any falſe neWes, meſſages, or other ſuche falſe thynges, wherof diſcorde or any ſclaunder might ryſe within this realme, and he that doth the ſame, ſhal incurre and haue the peyne an other tyme ordeyned therof by the ſtatute of weſtmynſter firſt, whiche will, that he be taken & impriſoned, tyl he haue foūd hym, of whom the word ſhulde be moued. Agaynſt new fangled neWes.

Agaynſte vnlaWefull games. Anno 12. Rich.2. cap.6.

ITem it is accorded and aſſented, that no ſeruaunt of huſbandry or laborer, nor ſeruaunt of artificer, nor of vytayler, ſhal from henſforth beare any bucklar, ſword, nor daggar, vpon forfayture of the ſame, but in the tyme of warre for defence of the realme of Englande, and that by the ſurueyenge of the arrayers for the tyme beinge, or trauaylynge by the contray with their mayſter, or in theyr mayſters meſſage, but ſuche ſeruauntes and laborers ſhall haue bowes and arrowes, and vſe the ſame the ſondayes and holydayes, and leaue all plaieng at Against vnlaufull games.

tenyce, or footeballe, and other games, called coytes, dyce, castynge of the stone, kayles, and other such importune games And that the shyreffes, mayres, bailiffes, and cõstables shal haue power to arrest, and shal arrest al doers against this statute, & sease the sayd buklars, swordes, and daggers, and kepe them tyl the sessyons of the Justices of peace, and the same presente before the same iustices in theyr sessions, togither with the names of them that dyd bere the same. And it is not the kynges minde, that any preiudice be done to the fraunchises of lordes, touchinge the forfaytures due to them.

Anno. 11. Henrici. 4. cap. 4.

yet ageinst vnlaufull games.

OUr souerayne lorde the kyng wyll, that the statute made at Canturbury, the. xii. yere of the reygne of kinge Rychard the second be fyrmly holden and kept: Joyninge to the same that euery such laborer or seruant, that dothe contrary to the same statute, shall haue imprisonnement by. vi. dayes. And the mayres and sheriffes, or the mayres and bailiffes of cities and burghes, and the constables in other townes, shall haue power to put this statute in execution from tyme to tyme, and yf they do not therof execution, the same mayres and sheriffes, or mayres & bailyffes aforesayde, shall pay to the kynge for euery defaut. xx. s. and the constables or constable of euery town, that dothe not lyke execution of this statute, shall pay for euery theyr or his defaute. vi. s. viii. d. And that the Justices of assises shall haue power to enquire in this case in their sessions frõ tyme to tyme, of them that dothe contrarye to this statute, & therof to certyfy in the Chaũcery

Anno.

Anno.17.Edwardi.4. ca.3.

yet againſt vnlaufull games.

Our ſouerayne lorde the kynge, by the aduiſe of the lordes ſpiritual & temporall, and the commons in the ſaid parliament aſſembled, and by auctoritie of the ſame, hath ordeined, that after the feaſt of Eaſter next comyng, no perſon, gouernour, nor occupier of any houſe, tenement, gardē, or other place, with in this realme, ſhal willingely ſuffre any perſon to occupy or play anye of the ſayd games called cloſhe, kayles, halfbowle, hande in & hande out, or quekborde, or any of them, within any of their ſayde houſes, tenementes, gardeines, or any other place vppon peyne to haue the impriſonnement of thre yeres, and to forfayt and loſe for euery offence. xx. li. The one halfe therof to our ſouerayne lorde the kynge, to be applyed to the vſe of his houſe, in all ſuche places where ſuche forfayture ſhall happen to fal, other then where any perſon ought to haue the forfaiture of the goodes of felons and fugitiues, by any lawfull graunte, auctority of parliament, or otherwiſe. And it is ordeined by the ſaid auctoritie, that all ſuche perſons, their heires & ſucceſſours, whiche ought to haue any ſuche forfaytures in ſuch places, ſhal haue all ſuch halfe as ſhal be hereafter forfait by any of the premiſſes. And the other halfe therof to hym or them, that in this behalfe wyll purſue by actyon of dette at the common lawe. In whiche actyon, lyke proceſſe, tryall, iudgemente, coſtes, dammages, & execution ſhal be had, as is vſed in other actions there purſued. And that no perſon from the ſayde feaſt of Eaſter, ſhal vſe any of the ſaid games called cloſhe, halfbowle, kayles, hand in and hande out, or quekborde, vpon

peyne of two yeres imprisonement, and to forfayte for euerye defaulte. x. li. The one halfe therof to oure soueraigne lorde the kinge, to be applyed to the vse of his house, in al such places where such forfayture shall hapen to fall, other than where any persone ought to haue the forfaiture of the goodes of felons and fugitiues by any lawfull graunte, auctoritie of parlyamēt, or otherwise. And it is ordeined by the sayde auctoritye, that all suche personnes, their heyres and successours, whiche oughte to haue all suche forfaytures in such places, shal haue any suche halfe, that shall be hereafter forfayte by any of the premisses And the other halfe therof to him or them, that in this behalfe will sue by action of dette, in lyke maner and fourme to be had, tryed, ruled, and ordered, as is aforesayd.

Anno. 11. Henrici. 7. Cap. 2.

Vnlauful games.

FArthermore it is ordeyned and enacted, that none apprentyse, ne seruaunt of husbandry, labourer, ne seruaūt artificer, play at the tables from the tenth daye of Januarye nexte commynge, but onely for meate and drink, ne at the tenys, closh, dyce, cardes, bowles, nor any other vnlauful game in no wyse out of Christmas, and in Christmas to play onely in the dwellyng house of his mayster, or where the mayster or any of the sayd seruauntes is present, vpon peyne of emprisonment by the space of a daye in the stockes openly. And that the housholder, where dysyng, cardinge, tenys playinge, bowles, closhe, or any other vnlawfull game afore rehersed shall be vsed, other wyse than is afore rehersed, and that laufully be presented before the Justyces of peace, the mayre, shyreffe,

ſhyreffe in his tourne, or ſtewarde in his leete, or by examination had afore the ſayd Juſtices of peace, that proceſſe be made vpon the ſame, as vpon endytement of treſpas againſt the kynges peace. And that the ſayde miſdoer be admitted to no fyne vnder the ſome of. vi s. viii. d. And that it be lawfull to. ii. of the iuſtices of the peace, wher of one ſhall be of the Quorum, within theyr auctoritie, to reiect and put away common ale ſeliynge in townes & places, where they ſhal think conuenient, and to take ſurety of the kepers of ale howſes, of theyr good behauing, by the diſcretion of the ſayd iuſtices, and in the ſame to be aduiſed and agreed at the tyme of theyr ſeſſions.

Anno. 19. Henr. 7. Cap. 12.

AND furthermore it is ordeyned and enacted, that none apprentyce, ne ſeruaunt at huſbandry, laborer ne ſeruaũt artificer, play at the tables from the feſt of Eaſter nexte comynge, ne at tennys, cloſſhe, dice, cardes, bowles, nor any other vnlawfull games in no wyſe out of the .xii. dates at Chriſtmas, and than to play onely in dwellyng houſes of his mayſter, or where the maiſter or any of the ſayd ſeruauntes is preſent, vpon peyn of enpriſonmente by the ſpace of a day in the ſtockes openly. And that the houſeholder, where dyſſing, carding, tennys playeng, bowles, cloſh, or any other vnlawfull game, afore reherſed, ſhall be vſed, otherwiſe than is afore reherſed & that lawfully ben preſented before Juſtices of the peace, mayre, ſhyreffe in his tourne, or ſtewarde in his leete, or by examination had before the ſayde iuſtice of peace, that proceſſe be

yet againſt vnlaufull games.

made vpon the ſame, as vppon inditemente of treſpas againſte the kynges peace, and that the ſayde miſdoer be admitted to no fyne vnder the ſumme of vi.s. viii.d. And that it be lawfull to two of the iuſtices of peace, wherof one ſhalbe of the Quorum, with in their auctoritie, to reiect and put away common ale ſelling in townes and places, where they ſhall thinke conuenient, and to take ſuertye of the kepers of the alehouſes of their good behauinge, by the diſcretion of the ſayde iuſtices, and in the ſame tobe aduiſed and agreed at the tyme of their ſeſſions.

Anno.3. Henrici.8. cap.3.

For maintenance of archery.

THe kynge our ſouerayne lorde, callynge to his moſt noble and gratious remembraunce, that by the feate and exerciſe of the ſubiectes of this his realme in ſhotynge in longe bowes, there hath contynually growen and ben within the ſame greate nombre and multitude of good archers, which haue not onelye defended this realme, and the ſubiectes therof agaynſte the cruell malyce and daunger of theyr outwarde ennemies in tyme here to fore paſſed, but alſo with lyttle nombre and puiſſaunce in regarde, haue doone many notable actes and diſcomfytures of warre agaynſt the infidels and other, and furthermore ſubdued and reduced dyuers and many regions and countreys to theyr due obeiſſance, to the great honour, fame, and ſuerty of this realme and ſubiectes, and to the terryble drede and feare of all ſtraunge nacions, any thinge to attempte or do to the hurt or damage of them or any

any of them. And al be it that dyuers good and profytable ſtatutes in the tyme of his noble progenitours and predeceſſours kinges of this lande, for the mayntenance of archery and long bowes here tofore haue ben made, among whi che the ryghte famous kynge of noble memory Henry the ſeuenth, father to our ſayde ſoue-raygne lorde, by auctorite of dyuers parlya-mentes cauſed good and notable actes and ſta-tutes to be eſtablyſhed and made, and that ſho-tinge in croſbowes ſhoulde be ſette on parte, and not vſed, And alſo that greate nombre of boweſtaues of ewe ſhoulde be broughte and conueyed by marchauntes repayryng into this realme frome thoſe partes where theſe growe, vppon certayne paynes in the ſame ſtatutes ly-mytted and contayned: yet neuer the leſſe, ar-chery and ſhoting in long bowes is ryght lyt-tel vſed, but dayely miniſſheth, decayeth, and abateth more and more, for that moche par-tye of the cominalty and parell of the realme, wherby of olde tyme the great nombre and ſub ſtaunce of archers hath growen and multipli-ed, be not of power nor abylitie to bye theym longe bowes of ewe, to exerciſe ſhoting in the ſame, and to ſuſteyne the contynual charge ther of, and alſo by meanes and occaſion of cuſto-mable vſage of tenys play, bowles, cloſſhe, and other vnlaufull games prohybet by many good and benefyciall ſtatutes, by auctority of parly-ament in that behalfe prouided and made, great impouery ſhemente hath enſued, and many hey-nous murders, robberyes, and felonyes be com mytted and done, and alſo the dyuyne ſeruice by ſuche miſdoers on holy and feaſtiuall dayes not herde or ſolemnyſed, to the hyghe dyſplea-ſure of almyghty god, wherfore the kynges highenes, of his moſt bleſſed diſpoſition, great

wyſedome, and prouidence, and alſo for zeale to the publkye weale, ſuertie, and defence of this his realme, and ſubiectes, and their auncient fame in this behalfe to be reuyued and repayred, by the aſſent of his lordes ſpiritual and temporal & his commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, & by auctority of theſame, hath ordeined, enacted, & eſtabliſſhed, that the ſtatute of wicheſter for archers be put in due execuciō. And ouer that, that euery man beig the kynges ſubiect, not lame, decrepite, nor maimed, nor hauynge any other lawfull or reaſonable cauſe or impediment, being within the age of .xl. yeres, except to the menne, ſpirytuall men, Juſtices of the one benche and of the other, Juſtices of aſſiſe, and barons of the eſchequere, doo vſe and exerciſe ſhotinge in longe bowes. And alſo to haue a bowe and arrowes redye continually in his houſe, to vſe hym ſelfe, and do vſe hym ſelfe in ſhoting. And alſo that the father, gouernours, and rulers of ſuche as be of tender age, do teache and bringe vp them in the knowledge of the ſame ſhotyng. And that euery man hauing a man childe, or men chyldren in his houſe, ſhal prouid ordain, & haue in his houſe for euery man childe, beinge of the age of .vii. yeres & aboue, tyl he ſhal come to the age of .17 yere, a bowe and .ii. ſhaftes, to enduce and lerne them, and bringe them vp in ſhotynge, and ſhal delyuer all the ſame bowe and arrowes to the ſame yonge men, to vſe and occupye. And if the ſome yonge men be ſeruantes, that then theyr maiſters ſhall abate the money, that they ſhall paye for the ſame bowes and arrowes, of theyr wages. And after all ſuch yonge men ſhall come to the age of .xvii. yeres, euery of them ſhal prouide and haue a bowe and .iiii. arrowes continually for hym ſelfe, at his propre coſtes and charges, otels of the gyfte or pronyſion of his frendes,

frendes, and vse and occupie the same in shoo-
tynge, as is afore rehersed. And that the Iu-
stices of assyses, of gaole delyuery, Iustices of
peace, and stewardes of fraunchises, letes, and
lawday, haue power to enquere of all the pre-
mysses in theyr sessions, letes, and lawdays, &
here and determine the same. And also by their
discretions examyne all persons, lackynge and
not hauynge bowes, shaftes, and arrowes, ac-
cordinge to the forme afore rehersed. And eue-
rye personne, that shall be founden by suche in-
query or examination in defaulte, or not prou-
dinge and hauynge bowes arowes and shaftes
redy, by the space of one moneth, shall forfayte
and paye for euery suche defaulte. xii. pens, And
where anye suche forfayture shall happen to be
founden within the precincte of any franchyse
lete or lawday, than the lorde of the same fran-
chise lete or lawdaye, shall haue the forfayture
therof. And in all other places, al such forfay-
ture to be to the kyng our souerayne lorde, his
heyres, and successours.

Aaynste vnlaufull games.

And that al statutes heretofore made against
them that vse vnlawfull games, be duely put in
execution, and punyshement had accordynge to
the penaltes of the same, as wel against the of-
fenders and occupyers of suche vnlawfull ga-
mes, as agaynste them that be owners or ke-
pers of houses or other places, where any such
vnlawful games be vsed, accordyng to the pur-
porte tenour and intent of the same statutes.
And furthermore, that al iustyces of peace, mai-
res, baylyffes, shyreffes, constables, & all other
head officers, and euery of them, fyndynge or
knowynge any maner person or persons, vsyng
or exercysynge any vnlaufull games, contrary
to the sayde statute, haue full power and aucto
ritie to committe euery suche offender to ward

there

there to remain without baile or mainprise, to such time he or they so offendyng, be bounden by obligation to the kynges vse, in suche some of money, as by the discretion of the sayde Justices, mayres, baylyffes, or other head officers shal be thought resonable, that they nor any of them shall not from thensefoorth vse any vnlawfull games. And that euery bowier within this realme alway make for euery one bowe of ewe, that he maketh to sell, at the leaste .ii. bowes of elme, wiche, or other woode of meane price. And if they or any of them refuse so to do, and it founden before the Justices of peace in the shire, or mayres, baylyffes, or other heed officers of cities or boroughes within their cyties or borowes by presentmēt of .xii. men, or by due examination before the sayd Justices of peace, or .ii. of them, or before the sayd mayres or baylyffes, that then the same Justices, maires, or bailiffes haue ful auctority and power to committe them to warde, there to remayne without bayle or mayneprise by the space of .viii. daies or more, by the discretion of the said Justices, mayres, or bailiffes. And also that buttes be made in euery citie, towne, and place, accordinge to the lawe of auncient time vsed. And that the inhabitaūtes and dwellers, in euery of them be compelled to make and continue such buttes, and to exercyse them selfe with longe bowes in shotyng at the same, and elles where on holy dayes and other tymes conuenient.

¶ And ouer that it is enacted by the sayd authoritie, that euery Justice of peace within this realme, or .ii. of them within theyr seueral iurisdictions, haue ful power and auctoritie, to take, assigne, and appoynte bowiers .iii. .iii. .ii. or moo places by their discretion within, euery shire,

ſhire, city or borowes, where the moſt common repayre and reſort is of his ſubiectes, and there to enhabyte and make longe bowes, of elme, wiche, or other woode of litel price and valu, to ſerue the commynalty for the due exercise of ſhotynge, and to take and compell as many of them, as they ſhal thinke neceſſary by their diſcretions, to inhabit at ſuch places for the ſame. And ſo in like wiſe as often as the caſe ſhal require and be thoughte behouefull. And that all bowe ſtaues of ewe, hereafter to be brought into this realme to be ſolde, be open and not ſold in bundels nor cloſe, to the entent the biers of them may haue perfyt knowlege of the goodneſſe of them, and giue the better price for them if they be ſo worthe.

¶ And be it alſo enacted by the auctoritie aforeſayde, that all mayres, bayliffes, ſheryffes, and al other heed officers, ſhal make open proclamatiō of theſe preſentes in euery market and feyre to be holdē within theyr ſeueral iuriſdictions and auctorites, & alſo that the iuſtice of the gaole deliuere, aſſiſes, and Juſtices of peace do cauſe the ſame to be proclaimed in their ſeueral circuites and ſeſſions before them to be holden. This acte concernynge the makyng of bowes of elme, wych, or other then of ewe, to begyn to take effecte at the feaſt of Lammas nexte cōmyng: And the reſydu of all this acte to take effecte & be put in execution immediatly, and to endure to the nexte parlyament.

¶ Item that no ſtraunger borne out of the kynges obeyſaunce (not beynge denizen) ſhall not conuey, nor do to be conueied in to any partes, out of the kynges obeyſaunce, any longe bowes, arrowes, or ſhaftes, without the kynges ſpeciall lycence, vppon peyne of forfayture of the ſame, where ſo euer they ſhall be taken

within

within this the kynges power, and vpon peyne of imprisonnement, without bayl or mainprise, vnto suche tyme he or they (so beinge in ward) haue made a resonable fyne to the kynge for his or theyr offences afore the iustice of peace, or.ii. of them in theyr sessions in the same countye, where he or they shal be committed to ward, or fynde sufficient suertye, for the payment of the same fyne.

¶ Item that noo maner person (not beynge borne within the kinges obeisaunce) not made denisen, vse within the kynges obeisaunce shotynge with longe bowes, without the kynges lycence, vpon peyne of forfayture such bowes, arrowes, and shaftes, as they shall be founden so shoting with, and euery of the kinges subiectes may haue auctoritie to take and seise the same forfayture to his owne vse.

Anno.22.Henrici.8.cap.12.

For vacabounde, stronge, beggars, and impotent persones.

WHere in all places through out this realme of Englande vacabounde & beggars haue of longe tyme increased, and dayly do increase in great and excessiue nombres, by the occasion of ydelnes, mother and roote of all vyces, wherby hathe insurged and spronge, and dayly insurgethe and springeth continuall thefres, murders, and other sondry heynous offences and greate noyrities, to the hygh displeasure of God, the inquietation and damage of the kynges people, and to the maruaylous disturbaunce of the common weale of this realme. And where as many and sondry good lawes strayte statutes and ordenaunces haue bene before this tyme deuysed

and

and made as well by the kyng our ſouerayne lorde as alſo by dyuers his moſt noble proge-nitoures kynges of Englonde, for the moſt neceſſary and due reformation of the premiſſes: yet that notwithſtandinge the ſayde nombres of vacabounde and beggers be not ſene in any party to be minyſſhed, but rather dayely aug-mented and increaſed into greate routes and companies, as euidently and manifeſtly it doth and may appere. Be it therfore enacted by the kynge our ſouerayne lord, & by the lordes ſpiri-tuall & temporall, & the commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by auctorite of the ſame, that the Juſtices of the peace, of all & ſin-guler the ſhires of Englande, within the lymi-tes of theyr commiſſions, & all other Juſtices of peace, Mayres, Shryffes, baylyffes, and o-ther officers, of all and euery cytie, borowghe, riddinges or franches, within the realm of En-glande, within the lymites of their auctorities, ſhall from tyme to tyme as often as nede ſhall require, by theyr diſcretions deuide them ſelfes within the ſayd ſhires, cytyes, borroughes, rid-dynges or fraūcheſes, wherof they be Juſtices of peace, Mayres, Sheriffes, baylyffes, or offi-cers, and ſo beyng deuided, ſhall make diligent ſerche and inquery, of all aged pore and impo-tent perſones, which lyue or of neceſſitie be cō-pelled to lyue by almes of the charity of the peo-ple, that be or ſhall be hereafter abyding with-in euery hundred, rape, wapentake, cytye, bo-roughe, pariſſhe, lyberty or fraunches, within the lymittes of their diuiſion. And after and v-pon ſuch ſerch made, the ſayd iuſtices of peace, Mayres, Sheriffes, baylyffes, and other offy-cers, that is to ſay euery of them within their li-mytes of their auctorities, where vnto they be diuided, ſhal haue power and auctority by their diſcretions,

discretions, to enable to begge within such hun
dred, rape, wapentake, cytie, towne, paryshe, or
other lymyttes, as they shall appoynte, suche of
the sayde impotent personnes, whiche they shal
fynde and thinke mooste conuenient within the
limittes of their diuision, to lyue of the charitie
and almes of the people. And to gyue in com
maundement to euery suche aged and impotent
beggar (by them enabled) that none of them shal
begge without the limittes to them so appoin
ted. And shal also regester and write the names
of euery such impotēt beggar, by them appoin
ted, in a bylle or rolle indented, the one parte
therof to remaine with them selfe, and the other
part by them to be certified before the Justices
of peace at the nexte sessions, after suche serche
had, to be holden within the sayd shyres, cities,
townes, or fraunchises, there to remayne vnder
the keping of Custos Rotulorum. And that the
sayde Justices of peace, Wares, Shyreyffes,
Baylyffes, and other officers, that is to saye as
they be deuyded, shal haue power and auctori
tie to make suche and so manye seales, to be en
graued with the names of the hundredes, rapes
wapentakes, cities, boroughes, townes, or pla
ces, within the which they shal appoint and li
mitte euery such impotent person to begge, and
committe the saide seales to the custody of such
of them, or to the custody of such other, as they
shall thinke conuenient, and shall make and de
lyuer to euery suche impotent persone, by them
enabled to begge, a letter conteining the name
of suche impotent person, and wytnessyng, that
he is auctorised to begge and the limites, with
in whiche he is appoynted to begge. The same
letter to be sealed with suche of the sayd seales
as shall be engraued with the names of the ly
mytte, wherin suche impotent personne shal be
apoynted

apointed to begge in, and to be ſubſcribed with the name of one of the ſayd Juſtices or officers aboue ſayd. And if any ſuche impotent perſon, ſo auctoriſed to begge, doo begge in any other place, than within ſuche lymittes, that he ſhall be aſſigned vnto, that than the iuſtices of peace Mayres, Sheriffes, bayliffes, conſtables, and all other the kinges officers and miniſters, ſhal by theyr diſcrecions punyſhe all ſuche perſons, by impriſonemēt in the ſtockes, by the ſpace of .ii. dayes, and .ii. nyghtes, giuynge them but only bread and water, and after that cauſe euerye ſuch impotente perſon to be ſworne to retourn agayne without delaye to the hundrede, rape, wapentake, cyty, borowghe, towne, pariſhe, or franches, where they be auctoriſed to begge in.

¶ And it is enacted, that noo ſuche impotente perſone, as is aboueſayde, after the feaſt of the natiuitie of ſaynt Johñ Baptiſte next comyng: ſhal begge within any parte of this realme, excepte he be auctoriſed by writynge vnder ſeale, as is aboueſaid. And if any ſuche impotent perſonne, after the ſayde feaſte of ſaynte Johan, be vagarant, and go a beggynge, hauinge no ſuch letter vnder ſeale, as is aboue ſpecifyed: that than the conſtables, and all other inhabytantes within ſuche towne or pariſh, where ſuche perſon ſhal begge, ſhall cauſe euery ſuche beggar to be taken, and brought to the nexte Juſtice of peace, or hyghe conſtable of the hundred: And thereuppon, the ſayde Juſtice of peace, or high conſtable, ſhal commande the ſayd conſtables, and other inhabytantes of the towne or pariſh which ſhall bring before hym any ſuch begger, that they ſhall ſtrype hym naked from the middelle vpwarde, and cauſe hym to be whipped, within the towne where he was taken, or within ſome other towne, where the ſame Juſtice or

high constable shall appoynte: if it shall seme to the discretiō of the said iustice of peace or high constable, that it be conuenient soo to punishe suche begger to him brought: And if not, than to cōmand suche beggar, to be set in the stockes in the same toune or parishe, where he was taken, by the space of three dayes, and three nyghtes, there to haue onely breade and water, and there vpon, the sayd Justice, or hygh constable, afore whom suche begger shal be brought, shal lymitte to hym a place to begge in, and gyue to hym a letter vnder seale, in form aboue remembred, and sweare hym to departe, and repayre thither immediately after his punyshement to hym executed.

¶ And be it farther enacted by the auctority aforesayde, that if any personne or personnes, beinge hole and mighty in body and able to labour, at any tyme after the sayde feaste of saynt Johñ be taken in beggynge in any parte of this realme, or if any man or woman, being hole and myghty in body, and able to labour, hauing no lande, mayster, nor vsynge any lawefulle marchaundyse, craft, or mysterie, wherby he myght get his lyuyng, after the same feast be vagrant and can gyue no rekenynge how he doth lefully get his lyuyng: that than it shall be lefull to the constables, and al other the kynges officers, ministers, and subiectes of euery towne, paryshe, and hamlette, to arrest the sayd vacabounde, and ydell personne, and them bring to any of the iustices of pece of the same shire or lybertie, or elles to the hyghe Constable of the hundred, rape, or wapentake, within whiche suche personnes shall be taken. And if he be taken within any city or towne corporat: than to be brought before the Mayre, Sheryffes, or bayliffes of euery suche towne corporate. And that euery suche

the Iuſtice of peace, highe conſtable, Wayres, Sheryffes, and Baylyffes, by their diſcretions, ſhall cauſe euery ſuche ydell perſonne, ſo to him brought, to be had to the next market towne, or other place, where the ſayde Iuſtices of peace, hyghe conſtable, Wayres, baylyffes, and other officers, ſhal thinke moſte conuenient by his or their diſcretiõs, and there to be tied to the ende of a carte naked, and be beaten with whyppes, throughe oute the ſame market towne, or other place, tyll his body be blody by reaſon of ſuche whyppynge. And after ſuche punyſſhement and whyppynge had, the perſonne ſo punyſſhed, by the diſcretion of the iuſtice of peace, highe conſtable, Wayres, Sheryffes, baylyffes, and other officers, afore whome ſuche perſonne ſhall be brought, ſhal be enioyned vpon his othe, to retourne forthewith withoute delaye, in the nexte and ſtreyghte waye, to the place where he was borne, or where he laſt dwellid, before the ſame punyſhement, by the ſpeace of thre yeres, & there to put him ſelfe to labour, lyke as a true manne oweth to do. And after that done, euerye ſuche perſonne, ſo punyſhed and ordered, ſhall haue a letter ſealed, with the ſeale of the hundred, rape wapentake, cytie, boroughe, towne, lyberrie, or fraunchyſe, wherin he ſhall be punyſſhed, wytneſſinge that he hath bene punyſhed, according to this eſtatute, and conteynynge the daye and place of his punyſhement, and the place whervnto he is lymyted to go: and by what tyme he is lymyted to come thyther, within which tyme he maye lawfully begge by the waye, ſhewynge the ſaide letter, and otherwyſe not. And if he do not accomplyſhe the order to him appointed by the ſayde letter, than to be eftſones taken and whypped, and ſo as often as any defaulte ſhall be founde in him, contrarye to the order of this

eſtatute, in euery place to be take and whipped, til he be repaired where he was borne, or where he laſt dwelled by the ſpace of. iii. yeres, & there put his body to labour for his liuing, or other wyſe, trewly get his lyuinge without begging, as long as he is able ſo to do. And if the perſon ſo whipped, be an ydell perſonne, and no common beggar, than after ſuche whipping, he ſhal be kept in the ſtockes, tyl he hath founde ſuertie to go to ſeruice, or els to labour, after the diſcretion of the ſayde Juſtice of peace, Mayres, Sheriffes, Baylyffes, highe conſtables, or other ſuche officers, afore whome any ſuch ydel perſon beinge no common beggar, ſhall be brought, if by the diſcretion of the ſame Juſtice of peace, Mayre, Sheryffe, baylyffe, hyghe conſtable, or other ſuch heed officer, it be thought conuenīet, and that the partie ſo punyſhed, be able to finde ſuertie, or els to be ordred and ſworne to repaire to the place where he was born, or where he laſt dwelled, by the ſpace of. iii. yeres and to haue lyke letter, and ſuch further puniſhement, if he eftſones offende this eſtatute, as is aboue apointed to and for the cōmon ſtrong and able beggars, and ſo frome time to tyme to be ordered and puniſhed, til he put his body to labour, or otherwiſe gette his lyuynge trewely, accordynge to the lawe. And that the Juſtices of the peace of euerye ſhyre, ryddynge, citie, towne, and lybertie, ſhall haue power and auctoritie, within the limittes of their commiſſions, to enquire of all Mayres, baylyffes, Conſtables, and other officers and perſonnes, that ſhalbe negligent in executynge of this acte.

¶ And if the conſtables and inhabytantes within any towne or paryſhe, where any ſuch impotent perſonne, or ſtronge beggar dothe happen to begge, contrary to the forme of this eſtatute,

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be negligent, and take not euery ſuch impotent and ſtrong begger, that ſo ſhall begge ageynſt the fourme of this eſtatute, and order and punyſhe euery ſuch begger, as is aboue lymitted, that than the townеſhip or paryſhe, where ſuch defaulte ſhall be, ſhal loſe and forfayt for euery ſuche impotent begger, that ſhall be ſuffered to begge within the ſayd townеſhip or pariſh, not being taken, ordered, and puniſhed, accordynge to the fourme of this eſtatute. iii. s. viii. d. and for euerye ſtronge beggar, that ſhall happen to begge within any ſuch townеſhip or pariſhe, not beinge taken and ordered, as is aboue lymytted by this eſtatute. vi. s. viii. d. The oone halfe of al which forfaitures to be to the kinge our ſouerayne lorde, and the other halfe to him that will ſue for the ſame, by any byll of information afore the kynges iuſtyces of peace, in their general ſeſſions, to be holden in the ſhyre, or within any lybertie, where ſuche defaut ſhall happen.

¶ And that all Juſtices of peace, within anye ſhyre, citie, borough, or lybertie, ſhall haue full power and auctoritie, as wel to here and determyne euery ſuche defaute by preſentment, as by ſuche byll of information, and vppon euery preſentment afore them, and vppon euery ſuche byl of information, to make proceſſe by diſtreſſe agayne the inhabytantes of euery ſuche towne & pariſhe, where any defaute ſhal be preſented, or ſuppoſed by any ſuche information. By auctoritie of whiche diſtreſſe, the ſheryffe or other officer, to whom by the lawe ſuche diſtreſſe ſhall be made, ſhall diſtreyne the goodes and cattelles of ſuche one or two of the ſaide inhabitauntes, as he may haue knowlege were moſt neglygēt, and in defaute in the execution of this acte, and the ſayd diſtreſſe reteyne tyll they finde ſuertie

to appere at the ſeſſions, lymytted in the ſayde diſtreſſe. And in caſe they appere and confeſſe the defaute, or elſe if they trauerſe the preſentemente, and it be tried agaynſte them by verdire, or denye the inſourmation, and it be proued agaynſte theym by ſufficient witneſſe, than the ſayde Juſtices of peace in theyr Seſſyons, ſhall haue auctorite to aſſeſſe the fines, as ben aboue limitted after the rates abouesayd, and to make proceſſe for the leuyeng of the ſame, by diſtreſſe of the inhabytantes of ſuch townes or pariſhes where ſuche defaulte ſhall be tryed or proued. And that euery ſuch fyne, if it growe by preſētment, to be onely to the kynges vſe. And if it growe by inſormation: than the moytie therof to be to hym that purſueth the inſormation for the ſame, and the other moity therof to the kinges vſe, as is aforeſayd. And if any ſuche perſonne or perſonnes diſtreyned, appere not at the day and place conteyned in ſuche diſtreſſe, then vppon the retourne of the ſheriffe or other offiſer, to whom the diſtreſſe was deliuered to execute, that ſuche perſone or perſonnes were diſtreyned: then euery ſuche perſon or perſons, ſo diſtreined, at the firſte diſtreſſe, ſhall loſe xl. s and at the ſecond, vi. s. viii. d. and ſo to be doubled vpon euerye diſtreſſe in ſuche caſes to be warded, tyll apparaunce maye be hadde by ſome of the inhabitauntes of ſuche towne or paſhe, to deny, trauerſe, or confeſſe, the preſentēte or inſormation, exhibited ageyn any ſuche towne or pariſhe, to the entente that vppon tryall or proſe therof, the fynes aboue lymitted may be aſſeſſed and leuyed of the inhabytantes of euery ſuch towne or paryſhe, as is aboue reherſed.

And be it enacted by the auctority aforeſaid, that ſcholers of the vniuerſites of Oxford and Cambrydge

Cambrydge, that go aboute beggyng, not be-
ing auctoryſed vnder the ſeale of the ſayd vni-
uerſities, by the commyſſary, Chauncellour, or
vycchauncellour of the ſame, and all and ſingu-
ler ſhypmen, pretending loſſes of their ſhippes
and goodes of the ſee, goinge about the coun-
trey begging without ſufficient auctorite, wit-
neſſyng the ſame: ſhall be puniſſhed and orde-
red, in maner and fourme as is aboue reherſed
of ſtrong beggers. And that al proctours and
pardoners, goinge aboute in any countreye or
countreys, without ſufficient auctoritie, and al
other ydell perſons, goinge about in any coun-
trey, or abiding in any citie, borough, or town,
ſome of them vſynge dyuers and ſubtyll craftye
and vnlaufull games and playes, and ſome of
them feyninge them ſelfes to haue knowiege in
phiſy-ke, phiſnamy, palmeſtry, or other craftye
ſcīēces, wherby they beare the people in hand,
that they can tell theyr deſteries, diſeaſes, and
fortunes, and ſuche other lyke fantaſticall ima-
ginations, to the great diſceyte of the kynges
ſubiectes: ſhall vpon examynation had before
two Juſtices of peace, wherof the one ſhall be
of the Quorū, if he by prouable witnes be foūd
gyltie of any ſuche dyſceytes, be punyſſhed by
whyppyng at two days togither, after the ma-
ner before reherſed. And if he eftſones offende
in the ſayd offence, or any lyke offence: than to
be ſcourged .ii. dayes, and the thirde daye to be
put vpon the pyllory from .ix. of the clocke tyll
a .xi. before no one of the ſame day, and to haue
one of his eares cutte of. And yf he offende the
thyrde tyme, to haue lyke punyſſhement, with
whyppynge, ſtandynge on the pyllorye, and to
haue his other eare cut of. And that Juſtyces of
the peace, haue lyke authoritie in euery libertie
and franchiſe within theyr ſhyres, where they

be iustices of peace, for the execution of this act in euery parte therof, as they shal haue without the lybertie or franchyse.

¶ Also it is further enacted, that this acte shall yerely be redde in the open sessions, to thentent that the sayde estatute shall be the more feared, and the better put in execution.

¶ And furthermore be it enacted, that if any persone or persones, at any tyme hereafter, giue any herborough, money, or lodging to any beggers, being stronge and able in theyr bodyes to worke, which order them selfes contrary to the fourme of this estatute: that euery such person so doinge, beinge sufficiently proued or presented afore any Justyce of peace, shall make suche fyne to the king, as by the discretion of the said Justyces of peace at their generall sessions, shal be assessed. And yf any persone or persones do dystourbe or lette the execution of this acte in any maner wyse, or make rescous agaynste any Mayre, Sheryffe, baylyffe, or other persone, that shall endeuour hym self for the due execution therof: it is than enacted, that euery suche persone and persones, for euerye suche offence doinge, shall lose and forfayte. C. s. and ouer that to haue imprisonment at the kynges wyll. The one halfe of whiche forfayture, if such offence be commytted in any citie or towne corporate, to be to the Mayre, Sheryffe, baylyffe, or other heed offycers of such citie or towne corporate, where any suche offence shalbe done, to the vse of the comminsltye of euery surhe citie or towne corporate. And if it be cõmytted out of a citie or towne corporate, than the said one halfe to be to the lorde of the lete, or lawday, where suche offence shalbe done, and the other half of euery suche forfayture to be to the king our soueraygne lorde. For the which forfayture

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of.v.li. recouery ſhalbe had by action of dette, bylle, playnt, or information in any of the kynges courtes: in whyche ſuites the defendantes ſhall not wage their lawe, nor haue any eſſoyne or protection allowed.

¶ Prouided alway that this act nor any thyng therin conteyned, ſhall be hurtefull or preiudicial to the barons or other inhabytantes of the fyue portes, or of their members, neither to any graunt, lyberte, or fraunchiſe, heretofore made by the kynge our ſoueraygne lorde, or any his progenytours kynges of Englande, to the ſayd barons, or other inhabitãtes, theyr anceſtours, predeceſſours, or to any of them.

¶ And that it be enacted by auctoritie of this preſent parlyamente, that all and euery mayre and Mayres, and bayly and baylyffes, electiue and elected by the commons and inhabytantes of euery town and place of the ſaid portes and membres, and alſo Jurates of euery of the ſayd townes and places of the ſayd portes and members, ſhall haue lyke auctoritie within euery ſuche town and place, where they or any of them be or ſhall be mayre, baylyffe, or Jurate, to put or cauſe to be put this acte in due execution, as the Juſtices of peace in any countie of this realme, haue or ſhall haue auctoritie and power by this acte to do, where they be Juſtyces. And that the inhabitantes, within euery town within the ſayd portes, ſhall be bounden to the execution of this acte, lyke as other inhabytantes be without the ſayde portes, vppon lyke peyne as is aboue remembred. And yf any perſone or perſones, which ſhal inhabyte within the ſayd v. portes or members, be he impotent or other ydell perſone, do hereafter begge without the ſayd fyue portes or members of the ſame, contrary to this acte, that then euery ſuch perſone

ſhall be ordred and puniſhed, according to this acte, any thyng in this prouyſo to the contrary not withſtandynge.

¶ And it is ordeyned and enacted, that the ſeales aboue reherſed, ſhall be made at the coſtes and charges of the Juſtyces of peace, Mayres, Sheryffes, baylyffes, and other offycers aboue writen, on this ſyde the feaſte of the Natiuitie of ſaynt Johñ Baptiſte nexte commynge, that is to ſay, that euery of them, ſhall do the ſayd ſeales to be made within the lymyttes of theyr diuiſion, iuriſdiction, and auctorities.

¶ And it is alſo ordeyned and enacted, that euery letter to be made by the auctoritie of this acte, wherby any impotent begger, ſhal be auctoriſed and aſſygned to begge, ſhalbe made in this fourme enſuynge.

¶ Kanc. ſſ. ¶ Memorandum, that A. B. of Dale, for reſonable conſiderations, is licenced to begge within the hundred of D. R. and L. in the ſayd countie. Gyuen vnder the ſeale of that lymytte, Tali die et anno.

¶ And that euery ſuche letter that ſhalbe made and delyuered to ſuche begger or vacabounde, after he hath be whypped by auctoritie of this acte, ſhall be made in this wyſe folowyng.

¶ Kente. ſſ. ¶ I. S. whypped for a vagarant ſtronge begger at Dale, in the ſayd countie, accordyng to the lawe, the. xxii. daye of Julye, in the. xxiii. yere of kynge Henry the. viii. was aſſygned to paſſe forthewith and directely, frome thens to Sale in the countie of Midd, where he ſayth he was borne, or where he laſte dwelled, by the tyme of. iii. yeres. And he is lymytted to be there within. xiiii. dayes nexte inſuyng at his perylle, or within ſuche noumber of dayes, as to hym ſhalbe lymitted by the diſcretion of the maker of the ſaid letter. In wytnes wherof the

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nyſhement therynto is ſette.

¶ And it is enacted, that euery ſuche letter ſhal be made at the equall coſtes of ſuche of the ſaid Juſtyces, Mayres, Sheryffes, Baylyffes, or other offycers, within whoſe iuriſdiction, po-wers, and auctorites, the ſaid begger or vaca-bounde ſhal be whypped or lymitted to begge in, by auctorite of this acte. And euery ſuche letter ſhall be ſubſcribed with the hand of one of the ſayde Juſtyces, Mayres, Sheriffes, bay-liffes, or other officers in this forme folowing, per me A. B. vnum Juſticiariorum pacis, or Maiorem Ciuitatis, or Ballium ville, or con-ſtabularium talis hundredi, or els in lyke forme in Englyſſhe.

¶ And it is further enacted, that euerye ſuche perſone and perſons, as haue the cuſtody of a-ny Gayles, within any ſhire, citie, borough, or towne corporate, on this ſyde the feaſt of ſaint John the Baptiſt, ſhall do make a ſeale engra-ued with the name of the caſtel priſon or gayle, which he kepeth. And in caſe any perſon or per ſones, that at any tyme after the ſayde feaſte of ſaynt John, ſhall be delyuered out of any gayle or pryſon, for ſuſpecious of felonye by procla-mation, or be acquytte of any felony, and hath no frendes to pay his fees, nor was born with in the hundred or place, where he ſhall happen to be ſo delyuered, nor can get hym no maiſter, there to abyde and worke with, ſhal haue liber tie to begge for his fees, by the licēce of his ke-per, by the ſpace of. vi. wekes nexte after ſuche delyueraunce, and after that to be compellyd to go to the hundred, where he was borne, or laſt dwellyd by the ſpace of. iii. yeres, within ſuche tyme as ſhal be lymitted by one of the Juſtices of peace, Mayres, Sheriffes, baylyffes, or any

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offycers, where ſuche delyuerance ſhalbe had. ¶And it is enacted, that euery ſuche perſone ſo delyuered, ſhall haue a letter made to hym by the clerke of the peace of the ſhyre, within the whyche he was delyuered, if he be deliuered in the ſhyre: and if he be deliuered in any citie, borough, or towne corporate, than he to haue a letter of the cõmon clerke of euery ſuche citie, borough, or towne, where he is deliuered, euery ſuche letter wytneſſynge the day of his delyuerance, and the place where he was deliuered, and afore whome, and the tyme appoynted to hym to begge for his fees, and the place, to the whyche he ſhall be aſſygned to repayre vnto, in caſe he can gette no mayſter to fall to worke where he was delyuered. And to euerye ſuche letter the ſayde Gaylour, or keper of pryſone, out of the whiche ſuch perſon ſhall be deliuered, ſhall put the ſeale lymited to be made as is aforeſayde for the ſayd pryſone. And that euerye ſuche letter ſhall be made in this wyſe folowynge.

¶Eſſer. ſſ. ¶The. xx. day of July. An. regni regis Henrici. viii. xxiij. J. S. was delyuered for felony out of the Gayle of W. in the ſayd counſtie, at the ſeſſions holden afore A. B. and his fellowes at Sale, the day and yere aforeſaid, and is alowed to begge for his fees by the ſpace of vi. wekes, and in caſe he can gette hym no mayſter to worke with in the ſayd terme, than he is aſſygned to paſſe directly to W. in the countie of Kente, where he ſayth he was borne, or laſte dwellyd by the ſpace of iij. yeres, And he is alowed. xiiij. dayes nexte after the ſayde. vi. wekes for his paſſage thyther, or ſuche noumber of days, as to hym ſhalbe limited by the diſcretion of the maker of the ſayd letter. In wytnes wherof the ſeale of the priſon, from the which

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he was delyuered thervnto is sette. And in suche shyres, where there is no gayle, the shireffe therof for the tyme beinge, shal cause a scale to be engraued with the name of the shyre, and shal order and vse the same seale, to and for suche persons delyuered, as is afore sayde, after lyke maner and fourme, as the gayler and keper of the Gayle is lymitted and appoynted to doo by this acte.

¶ And it is also enacted, that euerye clerke of the peace of the shyre, within the whiche suche persone shall be delyuered, and euery common clerke of euery citie, borough, or towne corporate, within the whiche any suche person, shall be delyuered, shall make for euery suche person as shall be so deliuered, where they be such officers, the sayde letter in fourme aboue sayde, without any fee takynge for the same, and shall delyuer euery suche letter to the Gailour or keper of the pryson, from the whiche such person shalbe deliuered. And if there be no gayle there, than to the Sheryffe of the shyre, where suche delyuerance shall be had, within one day nexte after thend of the sessions, where any suche delyuerance is had, vpon peyn to lose and forfayt for defaute of euery letter. xii. pence to the kinge oure soueraygne lorde. And that the Gaylour or keper of the prysone, frome the whyche the sayde person shall be so delyuered, and in case there be no gayle, than the sheryffe of the shire, where any suche delyuerance shall be had, shall not suffer any such pson to go abrode, to begge for his fees, nor depart out of prysone, excepte it be to seruyce or labour, onlesse the same gaylour or sheryffe firste deliuer to the sayd person the sayd letter, conteynynge his name, sealyd with the seale of the prison, from the which he shall be delyuered, or els with the seale engraued

ued with the name of the shyre, yf there be noo pryson, vpon peyn for euery defaut to lose. xl. s. to our soueraygne lorde.

¶ And it is enacted, that if any person or persons, so beinge delyuered out of prisone, at any tyme after the sayde feaste, doo begge, not hauynge the sayde letter sealed, in fourme aboue sayde, or begge contrarye to the tenour of the same letter, that than he shalbe taken, ordered, and whypped in euery behalfe, lyke as is aboue appoynted for stronge beggers. And that to be done and executed by such as be aboue lymited, to do the same vpon stronge beggers, and in suche wyse, and vpon suche peyne as is afore lymytted, for none execution of the puuisshement of stronge beggers.

¶ Prouyded alwaye, that it be lefull to euerye persone and persones, beinge bounden by reason of any foundation or ordynance to gyue or distribute any money in almes, and also to euery person and persons at common dooles, vsed at buryals or obytes, to gyue and dispose in almes any money to euery person and persons, comynge to suche almes or dooles, after lyke maner and fourme, as they haue be accustomed to do in that behalfe, afore the makyng of this act without any danger or penalte of this estatute, any thyng conteyned in this present estatute to the contrary hereof not withstandynge.

¶ Prouyded also that it be lefull to al maisters and gouernours of hospitals, to lodge and harborough any person or persones, of charitie or almes, accordyng to the foundation of such hospitals, and to gyue money in almes, in as large maner and forme, as they are bounden or owen to do, any thyng in this estatute to the contrary hereof not withstandynge. And this act to endure vnto the laste day of the next parlyament.

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Anno. 23. Edwardi. 3. cap. 7.

ITem bycauſe manye valyaunte beggers, as longe as they may lyue of beggynge, do refuſe to labour, gyuing them ſelfe to ydelnes and vyce, and ſometyme to theſte and other abhominations: none vpon peine of impriſonment, ſhall vnder the colour of pitie or almes, gyue any thyng to ſuche, which may labour, or preſume to fauor them towardes their deſires, ſo that therby they may be compelled to labour for theyr neceſſary lyuynge.

Anno. 23. Henrici. 8. cap. 5.

THE kynge our ſouerayne lord, by delyberate aduiſe and aſſēt of his lordes ſpiritual and temporall, and alſo his louing cōmons in this preſent parlyament aſſēbled, ordeined, eſtablyſſhed, and enacted, that Cōmiſſions of ſewers, and other the premiſſes, ſhalbe directed in al partes within this realme from time to tyme, where & whan nede ſhal require, accordinge to the maner forme tenor and effect hereafter enſuing, to ſuch ſubſtancial and indifferēt perſons, as ſhalbe named by the lord Chauncellour and lorde Treaſourer of Englande, and tye. ii. chiefe Juſtyces for the tyme beyng, or by. iii. of them, wherof the lord Chācellour to be one.

¶ Henry the. viii. &c. Knowe ye, that forasmoche as the walles, diches, bankes, guttures, ſewers, gotes, cauſeys, brydges, ſtreames, and other defences by the coſtes of the ſee, & marſhe grounde, beinge and lienge within the lymites of A. B. or C. in the countie or counties of

or in the borders or confynes of the ſame by rage of the ſee, flowyng and reflowing, and by

by meane of the trenches of fresshe waters, descendynge and hauynge course by diuers ways to the see, be so dirupt lacerate and broken, and also the common passages of shipps, ballengers, and botes, in the ryuers, streames, & other fludes, within the lymyttes of A. B. or C. in the countie or counties
of or in the borders or confynes of the same, by meane of settynge vp, erectyng, and makyng of streames, mylnes, brydges, pondes, fysshegarthes, myldammes, lockes, hebbynge weares, heckes, and fludgates, or other lyke lettes impedimentes or anoysances, be letted and interrupted, so that great and inestimable damage, for defaute of reparation of the sayde walles, dyches, bankes, fenses, sewers, gootes, guttures, caulceys, brydges, and streames, and also by meane of settynge vp, erectynge, makyng and enlargyng of the sayd fysshgarthes, myldāmes, lockes, hebbyng weres, heckes, fludgates, and other lyke anoysances in tymes paste haue happened, and yet is to be feared, that farre greater hurt, losse, and damage is like to ensue, onelesse that spedy remedy be prouyded in that behalfe: we therfore for that by reason of our dignitie & prerogatiue royal, we be bound to prouyde for the safetie and preseruation of oure realme of Englande, wyllynge that spedy remedy be had in the premysses, haue assigned you, & vi. of you of the whiche we wol that A. B. and C. shalbe thre, to be our iustices to survey the said walles stremes, diches, bankes, gutters, sewers, gotes, caulceys, brydges, trenches, mylnes, myldammes, fludgates, pondes, lockes, hebbing weres & other impedimentes, lettes, and anoysances, aforesayd, and the same cause to be made, corrected, repayred, amended, put down, or reformed, as case shal require, after your wysedoms

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and discretions, and therin as well to ordeyne and do after the fourme, tenour, and effecte of all and synguler the estatutes and ordynances, made before the fyrst day of Marche, the. xviii. yere of our reigne, touchynge the premysses or any of them, as also to enquire by the othes of the honeste and laufull men of the sayde shyre or shyres, place or places, where such defautes or annoysances be, as well within the liberties as without (by whom the trouthe may the rather be knowen, throughe whose defaulte the saide hurtes and damages haue happened, and who hath or holdeth any landes or tenementes or common of pasture, or profite of fysshynge, or hath or may haue any hurt, losse, or disauantage, by any maner of meanes in the sayd places, as wel nere to the sayd dangers, letres, and impedimentes, as inhabytynge or dwellynge thereaboutes, by the sayd walles, dyches, bankes, guttures, gotes, sewers, trenches, and other the sayd impedimentes and anoysances.

And al those persons and euery of them to take assesse, charge, distreyne, and punysshe as welle within the metes, limittes, and bounde of old tyme accustomed or other wyse, as els where, within our realme of Englande, after the quantitie of their landes, tenementes, and rentes by the nomber of acres and perches, after the rate of euery persons portion, tenour, or profyte, or after the quantitie of their cõmon of pasture or profyte of fisshyng, or other commodities there by suche ways and meanes, and in suche maner and fourme, as to you or. vi. of you, wherof the sayde A. B. and C. to be thre, shall seme mooste conuenient to be ordeined and done for redresse and reformatiõ to be had in the premisses: And also to refourme, repayre, and amende the sayd walles, diches, bãkes, gutters, sewers, gootes,

caukeys, bridges, streames, and other the premisses, in all places nedeful: and the same as often and where nede shall be to make newe, and to clense and purge the trenches, sewers, & dyches in all places necessarye, and further to reformme amend prostrate and ouerthrowe all suche mylles, streames, pondes, lockes, fysshgarthes, hebbyng weares, and other impedimētis and anoysances aforesayde, as shall be founde by inquisition or by your surueynge and discretions to be excessiue or hurtfull. And also to depute and assigne, diligent, faythfulle, and trewe kepers, baylyffes, surueyours, collectours, expenditours and other ministers and officers, for the sauetie, conseruation, reparation, reformation and makynge of the premisses and euery of them, and to here the accompt of the collectors and other myntsters of and for the receyte and layeng out of the money that shalbe leuied and payde in and about the makyng, repayryng, reformynge, and amendyng of the sayde walles, dyches, bankes, gutters, goores, sewers, cauceys, bridges, streames, trenches, mylnes, pondes, lockes, fysshgarthes, fludgates, and other impedimentes and anoysances aforesayde And to dystreine for the arrerages of euery such collectiō taxe or assesse, as oftē as shalbe expedięt, or otherwyse to punysshe the dettours and deteyners of the same, by fines, amerciamētes, peines, or other lyke meanes, after your good discretions. And also to arreste and take as many cartes, horses, oxen, beastes, and other instrumentes necessary, and as many workemen and labourers, as for the said workes and reparation shal suffyse, payenge for the same competent wages salary and stipende in that behalfe: And also take suche and as many trees, woddes, vnderwodes, and timber, and other necessaries, as

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for the same workes and reparatiõs shalbe sufficyent at a reasonable pryce, by you or. vi. of you, of the which we wyl, that A.B. and C. shal be thre, to be assessed or lymytted, as wel within the lymyttes and boundes aforesayde, as in any other place within the sayde countie or coũties nere vnto the sayd places. And to make and ordeyn statutes ordynances and prouisions from tyme to tyme, as the case shall require, for the safegard cõseruation redresse correction and reformation of the premisses, & of euery of them, and the parties lyeng to the same, necessary and behouefull after the lawes & customes of Romney marshe, in the countie of Kent, or otherwyse by any wayes or meanes after your own wysedomes and discretions. And to here and determyne all & singular the premisses, as well at our suyte, as at the suyte of any other what so euer complaynynge before you, or. vi. of you: wherof A.B. and C. shalbe thre, after the lawes and customes aforesayd, or otherwyse by any other wayes and meanes after your discretions. And also to make and dyrecte all writtes, preceptes, warrantes, or other commandementes, by vertue of these presentes, to al sheriffes, baylyffes, and all other mynysters, officers, and other persones, as wel within lyberties as without, before you, or. vi. of you, wherof the sayd A.B. & C. to be thre, at certayn dayes, termes, and places to be prefixed, to be returned and receyued. And further to continue the proces of the same, and fynally to do all and euery thyng and thynges, as shal be requisite for the due execution of the premysses, by all wayes and meanes after your discretions. And therfore we commande you, that at certayne dayes and places, whan and where ye or. vi. of you, whereof the sayde A.B. and C. to be thre, shall thynke expedient,

ye doo surueye the sayd walles, fenses, dyches, bankes, gutters, gotes, sewers, cauceys, pondes, brydges, ryuers, streames, water courses, mylnes, lockes, trenches, fysshgarthes, fludgates, and other the lettes, impedimētes, & annoisances aforesayd, and accomplishe, fulfyll, here, and determine all and singular the premisses in due fourme, and to the effecte aforesayde, after your good discretions: And al suche as ye shal fynde neglygent gaynsayeng or rebelling in the said worckes, reparations, or reformation of the premisses, or negligent in the dewe execution of this our Commission, that ye do compelle them by distresse, fines, & amerciamentes, or by other punyshmentes, ways, or meanes, which to you or .vi. of you, wherof the sayd A. B. and C. shall be thre, shall seme most expedient for the spedy remedy, redresse, and reformatiō of the premisses, and due execution of the same. And all suche thynges as by you shalbe made and ordeined in this behalfe, as well within lyberties as without, that ye do cause the same fyrmly to be obserued, doing therin as to our Justyces apperteyneth, after the lawes and statutes of this our realme, and accordyng to your wysedomes and discretiōs. Saued always to vs such fines and amerciamentes, as to vs therof shal belōg. And we also cōmande our sheriffe or sheriffes of our sayd countie or counties of that they shall cause to come before you, or syx of you, of the whiche A. B. and C. shalbe thre, at suche dayes and places, as ye shall appoynte to them, suche and as many honest men of his or theyr bayly wyke, as well within the lyberties as without, by whom the trouthe maye best be knowen, to inquyre of the premisses. Commandynge also all other minysters and offycers, as well within lybertie as without, that they and euery

euery of them ſhall be attendant to you, in and about the due execution of this your commiſſyon. In wytneſſe whereof, we haue cauſed theſe our letters patentes to be made. wytneſſe oure ſelfe at weſtm the daye of in the yere of our reygne.

¶ And it is alſo enacted, that euery ſuche perſon, as ſhalbe named cõmiſſioner in the ſaid cõmiſſion, after he hath knowlege therof, ſhall effectually put his diligence and attendance in & about the execution of the ſayde Commyſſion. And before he ſhal take vpon hym the executiõ of the ſayd commiſſion, he ſhall take a corporal othe before the lorde Chauncellour, or before ſuche, to whome the ſayde lorde Chauncellour ſhall directe the kynges wryte of Dedimus poteſtatem, to take the ſame, or before the Juſtices of the peace in the quarter ſeſſions holdē in the ſhyre, where ſuche commiſſion ſhalbe directed: the tenour of whiche othe hereafter enſueth.

¶ Ye ſhall ſweare, that you to your counnynge wytte and power, ſhall trewely and indifferētlye execute the auctoritie to you youen by this Commiſſion of Sewers, without any fauour affection corruption drede or malyce to be born to any maner perſone or perſones: And as the caſe ſhal requyre, ye ſhal conſent and endeuour your ſelfe for youre parte, to the beſte of youre knowlege and power, to the makynge of ſuche holſome iuſte, equall, and indifferent lawes and ordynaunces, as ſhall be made and deuyſed by the moſt diſcrete and indifferent nomber of your felowes, being in commiſſion with you for the dewe redreſſe, reformation, and amēdment of all and euery ſuche thynges, as are conteyned & ſpecified in the ſaid commiſſion: And the ſame lawes and ordynances, to your counnyng wyt and power, cauſe to be put in dewe execution,

without fauour mede drede malice or affection, as god you helpe and all saynctes.

¶ And it is also enacted by the auctoritie afore sayde, that all and euery estatute acte and ordenance heretofore made concernyng the premisses, or any of them, as wel in the time of our souerayne lorde the kynge that nowe is, as in the tyme of any of his progenitours kynges of this realme of England, not being contrary to this present acte, nor heretofore repellyd, from hens forth shall stande and be good and effectual for euer, and to be put in due execution, accordyng to the true meaning and purportes of the same.

¶ And ouer that be it enacted, that the commissioners hereafter to be named in any of the said Commyssyons, accordyng to the pourport and effect of the same commissions, haue full power and auctoritie, to make, constitute, and ordeyne lawes, ordynances, and decrees, and further to do all and euery thynge mencioned in the sayde commission, accordynge to the purporte, effect, wordes, and true meanyng of the same. And the same lawes and ordinauces so made, to reforme repelle and amende, and make newe frome tyme to tyme, as the cases necessarye, shall requyre in that behalfe.

¶ Prouyded alwaye, and it is enacted, that yf any person or persones, beinge assessed or taxed to any lot or charge, for any landes, tenemētes, or heredytamentes within the lymyttes of any commyssion hereafter to be directed, do not pay the sayd lotte and charge, accordyng to the ordynaunce and assignemente of the commyssyoners, hauyng power of therecution of the sayd commissyon, by reason whereof it shall happen the sayde commissioners, hauing power of execution of suche Commissyon, for lacke of payment of such lotte and charge, to decree and ordeyne

deyn the same landes tenementes and hereditamentes, from the owner or owners therof, and theyr heyres, and the heyres of euery of them, to any person or persons, for terme of yeres, terme of lyfe, in fee symple, or in tayle, for payment of the same lotte and charge, that then euery suche decree and ordinance, so by them made, ingrossed in parchment, and certified vnder theyr seales, into the kynges court of Chauncerye, with the kynges royall assente had to the same, shall bynde all and euery person and persons, that at the makynge of the same decree had any interest in suche londes, tenementes, or hereditamentes in vse, possession, reuersion, or remaynder, theyr heyres and feoffees and euery of them. And not to be in any wyse reformed, onlesse it be by auctoritie of parlyament hereafter to be somoned and holden within this realme.

¶ And also it is prouyded by auctoritie afore sayd, that the same lawes ordynaunces and decrees to be made and ordeined by the said commissioners or syxe of them, by auctoritie of the sayd commission, shal bynde as well the landes tenementes and hereditamentes of the king our soueraygne lorde, as all and euery other persone and persones, and their heyres, for suche their interestes, as they shall fortune to haue or maye haue in any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, or other casuall profyte, aduantage, or commodite, what so euer they be, whervnto the said lawes ordinances and decrees, shal in any wise extende, accordyng to the trewe purporte, meanyng, and intent of the same lawes.

¶ And it is furthermore by the auctoritie afore sayde establyshed and enacted: that if any maner of person or persones, of what estate or degree so euer he or they be of, that frō henceforth doth take vpon hym or them to syt by vertu of

any the ſayde commyſſyons, not beynge before ſworne, in fourme as is aforeſayde, and accordynge to the tenour of the othe afore ſpecified. Or yf any perſone ſo named and ſworne, do ſyt as is aforeſayd, not hauynge landes and tenementes, or other heredytamentes in fee ſymple, fee tayle, or for terme of lyfe, to the clere yerely value of. xl. markes, aboue all charges, to his owne vſe, excepte he be reſiant and free of any citie borough or towne corporate, & haue moueable ſubſtance of the clere value of one hũdred poundes, or els be lerned in the lawes of this realme, in and concerning the ſame, that is to ſay, admitted in one of the foure principal Innes of courte, for an vtter barreſter, ſhall forfayte. xl. poundes for euery tyme that he ſhal attempt ſo to do. The one halfe therof to be to our ſoueraygne lorde the kynge, and the other half therof to the vſe of hym or them that wyll ſue therfore, by action of dette, byl, plaint, or information in any of the kynges courtes: in which action or ſuyte, no wager of lawe ſhall be admitted, nor any eſſoyne or protection ſhall be allowed. And if any action of treſpas or other ſuit ſhal happen to be attempted againſt any perſon or perſones for takynge of any diſtreſſe, or any other acte doinge, by auctorite of the ſayd cõmiſſion, or by auctorite of any lawes or ordinaunces made by vertue of the ſayde commiſſion, the defendant or defendantes in any ſuche action, ſhall and may make auowrie conyſance or iuſtification, for the takynge of the ſame dyſtreſſe, or other acte doynge, touchynge the premyſſes or any of them, alleging in ſuche auowry conyſance or iuſtification, that the ſayde dyſtreſſe, treſpas, or other acte, wherof the playntyfe complayneth was done by auctorite of the commiſſion of ſewers, for lotte or taxe aſſeſſed

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by the ſayde commiſſion, or for ſuche other acte or cauſe, as the ſayd defendant dyd by auctoritie of the ſayde commiſſion, and accordynge to the tenour purporte and effecte of this preſent acte, made the .xxiij. yere of the reygne of oure ſouerayne lorde kyng Henry the. viii. without any expreſſyng or reherſal of any other matter or circumſtance, conteyned in this preſent act, or any commiſſion lawes eſtatutes or ordinances therypon to be made, wherypon the playntife ſhall be admytted to replye, that the defendant dyd take the ſayd diſtreſſe, or do any other acte or treſpaſſe, ſuppoſed in his declaration of his owne wrong, without any ſuche cauſe alleged by the ſayd defendant, wherypon the iſſue in euery ſuche action ſhall be ioyned, to be tried by verdicte of. xii. men, and not otherwyſe, as is accuſtomed in other perſonall actions. And vppon the tryall of that iſſue, the hole matter to be gyuen on bothe partes in euidēce, according to the very trouth of the ſame. And after ſuche iſſue tried for the defendant, or nonſuite of the playntife after apparance, the ſame defendaunt to recouer treble dammages, by reaſone of his wrongefull veration in that behalfe, with his coſtes alſo in that part ſuſteyned, and that to be aſſeſſed by the ſame Jurie or wrytte, to enquire of damages, as the cauſe ſhall requyre.

¶ And it is alſo enacted, that euery of the ſayd commiſſioners ſhal haue and perceiue. iiij. ſhillynges for euery day that they ſhall take peyne in the execution of this commiſſion of Sewers, And one clerke by them to be aſſigned. ii. s. for euery day, of the rates tares lottes and waiues that ſhall be aſſeſſed or loſt, by auctoritie of the ſayd commiſſion, and to be leuyed and payde by their diſcretions. And that the ſayde commyſſyoners or fyue of them, ſhall haue power and

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auctorite to limit and assigne of the same rates, taxes, lottes, and waynes by their discretions, suche reasonable sommes of money to the sayd clerke, for writing of bokes and proces concernynge the premysses, and to the collectours, expenditours, and suche other as shal take peyne in the due execution of the sayd commission, as by the discretions of the sayde cõmissioners, or vi. of them, shall be thought reasonable.

¶ Prouyded alway, that whan so euer and as often as suche commission, as is afore ymitted, shalbe made and directed to any person or persones for the reformation and amendement, of or in any of the premisses, specified in the sayde commission, within the fees lyberties or possession of the duchy of Lancaster: that then suche commissioners, as shall execute any suche commission, shall be alwayes named and appoynted by the discretion of the lorde Chauncellour and lorde Treasourer of Englande, & the sayd two chiefe Justices of eyther benche, and the Chancellour of the sayd duchye for the tyme beinge, or iii. of them, wherof the sayde lorde Chauncellour, and the Chancellour of the duchy to be two. And that in euerye suche case, two commissions shall be awarded and made, according to the tenour of the commissyon aboue expressed, one therof vnder the great seale of Englãd and the other vnder the seale of the same duchy as before tyme hath ben accustomed, any thyng afore rehersed in this present act to the contrary hereof not withstandynge.

¶ And it is further enacted, that the said commission from tyme to tyme, as the case shall require, shall be had and opteyned, without anye money or other charge, to be payde for the seales or wrytinge of the same, oneles it be to the kynge. ii. s. vi. d. for the seale, of euery Commis-

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ſyon, as hath ben accuſtomed: And for the wri-
tynge and enrollyng of any one commiſſion, v.s.
and not aboue.

¶ And it is further enacted, that euery cõmiſſi-
on to be made by auctoritie of this act, ſhal en-
dure and contynue for the terme of thre yeres,
next after the Teſte of the commyſſyon. Ne-
uer the leſſe after any commiſſion made and de-
liuered out of the kynges courte of Chancery,
the kynges hyghnes ſhall alwayes at his plea-
ſure by his writte of Superſedias, oute of his
ſayd courte of Chncerie, at any tyme diſcharge
as well euery ſuch commiſſion, as euery cõmiſ-
ſioner, that ſhalbe made or named by auctori-
tie of this acte. After whiche diſcharge the ſaid
commiſſioners ſhall haue no power, nor aucto-
ritie to procede in the execution of their cõmiſ-
ſion, nor in any thyng by auctoritie of this act.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that ſuch lawes actes de-
crees and ordinãces, as ſhal happen to be made
by the ſayd commiſſioners, according to the te-
nour of theyr cõmiſſion, or by auctoritie of this
acte, ſhall ſtande good & effectuall, and be put in
due execution, ſo longe tyme as their cõmiſſion
endureth, and no longer. Excepte the ſayd lawes
and ordinances be made and ingroſſed in parche-
ment, and certified vnder the ſeales of the ſayde
cõmiſſioners into the kynges court of Chance-
rye, and that the kynges royall aſſent be hadde
to the ſame: any thyng conteyned in this pre-
ſent act to the contrary hereof not withſtãding.

¶ Prouided alſo, that whan ſo euer and as of-
ten as ſuche commiſſion as is afore limited, ſhal
be made and directed to any perſon or perſons,
for the refourmation and amendement of or in
any of the premiſſes, ſpecified in the ſaid cõmiſ-
ſion, within the fees liberties and poſſeſſions of
the principalitie of wales, the countie Palan-
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tine of Chester, or within the fees, liberties, and possessions of any other place, where there is libertie and iurisdictiō of coūtie palantine, that in euery suche case, two commissions shall be awarded and made, accordynge to the tenour of the commyssion aboue expressed, one therof vnder the great seale of Englande, and the other vnder the vsual seale of the countie palantine, in maner and fourme, as is aboue prouyded for the duchy of Lancaster, any thynge afore rehersed in this present act to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ And it is prouyded and also enacted, that the royall assent lymitted to be had vnto the lawes and ordynaunces, to be made by the sayd commyssioners, as is aboue sayde, shall be certified into the sayd courte of Chauncerye, vnder the kinges priuie seale: And that there shal not any somme of moneye be payde for the same priuye seale, but for the wrytyng of the same Certificat vnder the sayde priuie seale, shall be payd to the wryter therof. ii. s. and not aboue, nor noo other, nor greatter somme for any thynge touchynge or concernyng the same Certificate, vnder the same priuie seale.

¶ Prouyded alwayes, that the Chancellours, and suche other as shal haue the custody of the seales of the sayd principalite of wales, or the coūtie palantine of Chester, or within the fees libertes & possessions of any other place, where there is lybertie and iurisdiction of countie palantine, vpon reasonable request, and vpon the syght of the commission vnder the kinges great seale of his Chancery, shall without delay make out an other commission, vnder the seale of the sayde countie palantine, accordyng to the tenor of the kinges cōmission, to them shewed vnder his great seale. And to those commissioners as

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ſhall be named by the lorde Chancellour, lorde Treaſourer, and the two chiefe Juſtyces, or by thre of them, wherof the lorde Chancellour to be one, except it be within the fees and liberties of the duchye of Lancaſter, within which fees and lyberties the commiſſioners ſhalbe named, and commiſſions made, as is afore ordeined by this acte, any thynge conteyned in the ſayd act, or in any prouiſo therynto added and annexed to the contrary therof not withſtandyng.

¶ This acte to endure for .xx. yeres.

Reformation of exceſſe in apparayle. Anno. 24. Henrici. 8. cap. 13.

Reformation of exceſſe in apparayle.

Where before this tyme dyuers lawes, ordynaunces, and ſtatutes, haue bene with greatte delyberation and aduyſe, prouyded eſtablyſſhed & deuyſed, for the neceſſary repreſſyng, auoydyng, and expellynge of the inordinate exceſſe, daylye more and more vſed in the ſumptuous and coſtly array and apparell, accuſtomably worne in this realme: wher of hath enſued and daylye do chaunce ſuche ſondry, hygh, and notable inconueniences, as be to the great, manifeſte, and notorious detrimente of the common weale, the ſubuertion of good and polytike order in knowledge and diſtinction of people, accordyng to their eſtates, preeminences, dignities, and degrees, and to the vtter enpoueryſhement and vndoynge of manye inexperte and lyght perſons, inclyned to pride, mother of all vyces: whyche good lawes not withſtandynge, the oultragiouſe exceſſe therin is rather from tyme to tyme increaſed, than dymynyſhed, eyther by occaſyon of the peruerſe and frowarde maners and vſage of people, or

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for that errours and abuſes ones roted and taken into long cuſtom, be not facilly and at ones without ſome moderation for a tyme relynquiſhed and refourmed. In conſyderation whereof, and for a reaſonable order and remedy lyke to be obſerued, perfourmed, and contynuallye kepte. It is by the kynges hyghnes, the lordes ſpirituall and temporalle, and the commons in this preſent parlyament aſſemblyd, and by auctoritie of the ſame enacted, eſtablyſſhed, and ordeyned, in maner and fourme folowynge.

¶ Fyrſte that no perſone or perſones, of what eſtate, dignite, degree, or condition ſo euer they be, from the feaſte of the puryfication of oure Lady, whiche ſhall be in the yere of our lorde, M.D. xxxiij. vſe or weare in anye maner their apparayle, or vpon theyr horſe, mule, or other beaſte, any ſylke of the coloure of purpure, ne any cloth of gold, of tyſſue, but only the kyng, the quene, the kynges mother, the kynges childerne, the kynges bretherne, and ſyſters, and the kynges vncles and auntes: excepte that it ſhall be lefulle to all dukes and marquyſes to weare and vſe in their doublettes and ſleueles cotes, cloth of gold, of tiſſue, and in none other their garmentes, So that the ſame to be worne by ſuche dukes and marquyſes, excede not the price of .v.li. the yarde. ¶ Prouyded that this worde purpure extende not any mantell of the order of the Garter.

¶ And that no man, vnder the ſtate of an erle, from the ſame feaſte, vſe or weare in his apparayle of his bodye, or vppon his hors, mule, or other beaſte, or harneys of the ſame beaſte, any cloth of golde or ſyluer, or of tynſelde ſaten, or any other ſylke or cloth myxed or embrowdred with golde or ſiluer, nor alſo any furres of Sables: excepte that it ſhall be leful for vicoũtes,

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the priour of sayncte Johñs Hierusalem, with-
in this realme, and barons, to weare in theyr
doublettes or sleucles cotes, clothe of gold, syl-
uer, or tynsell.

¶ Also it is enacted, that no man, vnder the a-
state of a duke, marquyse, erle, and theyr chyl-
derne, or vnder the degree of a baron, onelesse
he be a knyghte, that is companion of the Gar-
ter, from the sayde feaste, weare in any parte of
his apparayle any wollen clothe made oute of
this realme of Englande, Irelande, wales, Ca-
lys, Berwyke, or the marches of the same, ex-
cepte in bonettes onely: Ne also weare in anye
maner apparayle of his bodye, or on his horse,
mule, or other beaste, or harneysse of the same
beaste, any veluette of the colours of crymelen,
scarlet, or blewe, ne any furres of black Jenet-
tes or lusernes, ne any maner imbrowdry. And
that no man, onelesse he be a knyghte, after the
sayd feaste, weare any coler or golde, named a
coler of S. And that no man, vnder the degree
of a barons sonne, or of a knyght, except he may
expende yerely in landes, or tenementes, rentes,
fees, or annuities to his owne vse, for terme of
his lyfe, or for terme of an other mans life, or in
the ryght of his wyfe, two hundreth poundes
ouer all charges, shall after the sayd feast, vse or
weare any chayne of golde, bracelet, ouche, or
other ornament of golde, in any part of his or
their apparayle, or the apparayle of his or their
horse, mule, or other beaste: excepte euery suche
cheyne, iewel, ouche, or ornament, be in weight
one vnce of fyne golde, or aboue, and except rin-
ges of gold, to be worne on their fyngers, with
stones or without. Ne also shal weare any ma-
ner of velues in their gownes, cotes with sleues
or other vttermost garmentis, nor any furres of
lybardes, nor also shall weare any maner em-
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brodery, prickyng or pryntyng with gold, syl-uer, or sylke in any part of their apparell, or on their horses, mules, or other beastes.

¶ And that no man, vnder the sayde astates and degrees, other than suche as maye dyspende in londes, or tenementes, rentes, fees, or annui-ties, as is aforesayde, a hundred poundes by yere, ouer all charges, shal after the sayd feast, weare any saten, damaske, sylke, chamblet, or taffata in his gowne, cote with sleues, or other vttermoste apparayle or garment, nor any ma-ner of veluette, otherwyse than in sleueless iac-kettes, doublettes, coyfes, partlettes, or purses Nor also shal weare any furre, wherof the like kynde groweth not within this realme of En-glande, Irelande, wales, Caleys, Berwycke, or the marches of the same: excepte foynes, ge-nettes, called gray genettes, and bougy.

¶ And that no man vnder the sayde degrees, other than the sonne and heyre apparante of a knyght, or the sonne and heyre apparaunt of a manne of thre hundreth marke by yere, ouer all charges, and suche other men as maye dispende in landes and tenementes, rentes, fees, annui-ties, or other yerely profyttes, as is aforesayde xl.li. by yere, ouer all charges, frome the sayde feast, weare in their gownes, or any other their vttermoste apparayle, any chamlet or sylke, ne also weare in any other part of their apparell, any sylke, other than sattyne, damaske, taffata, or sarcenette in their doublettes, and sarcenet, chamblet, or taffata in lynyng of their gownes, and the same or veluette in their sleueles cotes, iackettes, ierkyns, coyfes, cappes, pourses, or partlettes, the colours of scarlette, crymysen, and blewe alwayes excepte. Nor shall weare any furre of foynes, or genettes, called gray ge-nettes, nor any other furres, whereof the lyke kynde

kynde is not growen within this realme of Englande, Irelande, wales, Caleys, Berwycke, or the marches of the same, excepte before excepte. Ne shall weare any maner aglettes, buttons, broches of gold or syluer gylt, or counterfayte gylte, or made with anye other dyuyse of any weight. Nor shall weare any cheyn of gold, of lesse weyght and value than ten vnces of Trey weyght of fyne golde.

¶ And that no man vnder the sayd degrees, other than suche gentylman as maye dispende in landes or tenementes, rentes, fees, or annuities, as is aforesaid. xx. poundes by yere ouer al charges, from and after the sayde feaste, weare any maner of sylke, in any apparayle of his body, or of his horse, mule, or other beaste, excepte it be satten, taffata, sarcenet, or damaske in his doublet or coyfe, and chamblet in his sleueleesse iackettes, and a lace of silke for his bonet, or pointes, laces, girdels or garters made or wrought in Englande or wales: nor shal weare any furres of blacke cony or bougy.

¶ And that no man vnder the saide degrees, other than suche as maye dispende in landes and tenementes, rentes, fees, or annuities, as is aforesaid, fiue poundes by yere ouer all charges, from and after the sayd feaste, weare any maner of cloth of the colour of scarlet, crimosin, or violet engrayned, nor any silk in their doublettis or iackets, nor any other cloth in any garmēt aboue the price of. vi. s. viij. d. the brode yard: nor any other thing made out of this realme, except chamblet in their doublettes and iackettes.

¶ And that no seruynge man, nor other yoman, takynge wages, or suche other, as he maye not dyspende of freholde forty shyllynges by yere, after the sayd feaste, shall weare any clothe in his hoses, aboue the pryce of. ij. shyllinges the

yard: And that none of their hoſes be garded or myxed with any other thynge, that may be ſene on or through the vtter part of their hoſen, but with the ſelfe ſame cloth only, nor in his gown, cote, or iackette, or other garnement any cloth, above the price of three ſhyllynges foure pence the brode yard, except it be his maiſters liuery, nor any maner furre, except conye, called graye cony, blacke lambe or white lambe of Engliſhe, welſhe, or Iriſſhe growynge: Nor ſhal weare any ſhyrt or ſhyrtbande, vnder or vpper cappe, coyfe, bonet, or hat, garnyſſhed, myxte, made, or wrought with ſylke, golde, or ſyluer: Nor ſhall wear any bonet or ſhirtbād, made or wrought out of this realme of Englande, or wales, Nenertheleſſe it ſhall be lefull for hym to weare a ſylke rybande for his bonet, and alſo the cogniſaunce or badge of his lorde or maiſter, and a horn typped or flued, with ſiluer gylt or vngilt. And alſo they and al other perſons to wear on their bonetes all ſuche games of ſiluer gylte or vngylte, as they or any of them maye wynne by wraſtlynge, ſhotynge, rennyng, leapyng, or caſting of the barre, and alſo maſters of the ſhips, or other veſſels, and mariners to wear whiſtels of ſyluer, with the cheyn of ſyluer to hange the ſame vpon, any former clauſe in this act hertofore mentioned to the cōtrary not withſtāding.

¶ And that no huſbande man, frome the ſayde feaſte, weare in his hoſes any clothe aboue the price of the yarde. ii. ſhyllynges, or any cloth in his gowne aboue the pryce of. iiii. s. the brode yarde, or in his iackette or cote, aboue the price of. ii. s. viii. d. the brode yarde. Nor in his doublet any other thynge than is wrought within this realme, fuſtian and canuas onely excepted, nor any maner of furre in any his apparell.

¶ And that no ſeruynge man in huſbāndrye, or

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tourney manne in handye craftes, takynge wages after and from the feaste aforesayde, weare in his hoses any cloth aboue the price of. xvi.ð. the yard, nor shal weare any cloth in his gown, iacket, or cote, aboue the price of. ii. shillinges viij.ð. the brode yarde, nor in his doublette any other thynge than fustyan, canuas, or lether, or wollen clothe, nor any maner of furre in any of his apparayle.

¶ Prouyded alwayes, that all suche offycers and seruantes, waytynge or attendynge vppon the kynge, the Quene, the prynce or prynceſſe, daily, yerely, or quarterly in their houſeholdes, or beinge in theyr Eſchequire rolle, as ſhall be admytted, aſſigned, and licenced by his grace, to vſe or weare any maner apparayle on their bodies, horſes, mules, or other beaſtes, otherwiſe than is afore expreſſed, ſhall mowe laufully do the ſame, accordyng to the lycence, whych ſhall be gyuen vnto them in that behalfe. The ſame lycence to be declared in wrytynge by the kynges hyghnes, or the lorde ſtewarde of his moſt honourable houſehold, or the lorde Chamberlayne, knowynge the kynges mooſte gracyouſe pleaſure in the ſame.

¶ Prouyded alſo, that the vycechaumberlayne, Stewarde, Treaſourer, and Comptroller of the frenche quenes honourable houſehold, and euery of theym for the tyme beynge, after and from the ſayde feaſt, may weare in theyr gownes, cotes, iackettes, doubletes, and other their apparayle, velouette, ſatten, and damaſke, beynge of the colours of blacke, tawny, or ruſſet, and alſo cheynes and broches of golde, of ſuche value as they wolle at their lybertie, this preſent act, or any thynge therein mencioned to the contrary not withſtandynge.

¶ Prouyded alſo, that the lorde Chauncellour,

and the lorde Treasourer of Englande, the presydente of the kynges counsayle, and the lorde pryuie seale, for the tyme beinge, of what astate or degree so euer they be, besydes those romes, may weare in their apparayle, veluette, satten, and other sylkes of any colours, excepte pourpure, and any maner furres, excepte blacke lennettes, any thynge in this act mencyoned to the contrary not withstandynge.

¶ Be it further enacted, that after the sayd feest none of the clergie, vnder the dignitie of a byshop, abbotte, or pryour, beinge a lorde of the parlyament, weare in any parte of his or theyr apparell of their bodyes, or on their horses, any maner of stuffe, wroughte or made out of this realme of Englande, Irelande, wales, Caleys, Berwyke, or the marches of the same, excepte that it shalbe lefull to all archdeacons, deanes, prouostes, maysters, and wardens, of cathedral & collegiate churches, prebendaries, doctours, or bachelers in diuinite, doctours of thone law or the other, and also doctours of other sciences which haue taken that degre, or be admitted in any vniuersitie, to weare sarcenet in the lynynge of their gownes, blacke saten, or blacke chamlet in theyr doublets and sleueles cotes, & black veluet or black sarcenet, or blacke saten in their typpettes, and riding hodes or gyrdels, and also cloth of the colours of scarlet, murey, or violet, and furres called gray, blacke boge, foynes, shankes, or menener in their gownes & sleueles cotes, any thing before mentioned to the cõtrary not withstandynge. And that none of the clergy, vnder the degrees aforesayd, weare any maner of furres, other than blacke cony, bogy, gray cony, shankes, calaber graye, fyche, foxe, lambe, otter, and benet. And that none of the clergie, vnder the degrees aforsayd, other than maysters

mayſters of arte, and bachelers of the one lawe or the other, admitted in any vniuerſitie, or ſuch other of the ſayd clergie as may diſpend yerely xx. li. ouer all charges, ſhall weare in their tippettes any maner of ſarcenet or other ſylke.

¶ Prouyded alſo, that this acte, or any thynge therin conteyned, ſhall not extende nor be hurtfulle or preiudiciall to any of the kynges moſte honourable counſayle, ne to Juſtyces of the oone benche, or the other, the barons of the kynges Eſchequere, the mayſter of the rolles, ſeriantes at lawe, the mayſters of the Chaunſery, ne to any of the counſayle of the Queene, prince, or princeſſe, apprentyſes of the lawe, the kynges, the quenes, the pryncis, and the pryncesſes phiſitions, mayres, recorders, aldermen, ſheriffes, baylyffes electe, and al other heed offycers of cities, townes, and boroughes corporate, wardens of occupations, the barons of the fyue portes, that is to ſaye, to all the ſayde officers and perſones, that nowe be, or heretofore haue ben in lyke rome, place, offyce, or auctoritie, or hereafter for the tyme ſhalbe, as wel in the tyme as after that they haue bene in anye ſuche place, office, rome, or auctoritie, but that they ſhal mow at al times weare, after the ſaid feaſte, all ſuche apparayle in and vpon their bodyes, horſes, mules, and other beaſtes, and alſo citizens, and burgeſes, ſhall mowe weare ſuche hoodes of clothe, and of ſuche colours, as they haue heretofore vſed to weare: any thynge in this acte mentioned to the contrary not withſtandynge: excepte that it ſhall not be lefull to any of them to weare veluet, damaſke, or ſaten of the colours of crimyſen, vyolet, purpure, or blewe, otherwyſe than by the continue of this acte, in any of the clauſes before mentioned, is by reaſon of their landes, or otherwiſe permit-

ted, limitted, or assigned.

¶ Ne also this acte, or any thynge therin mencyoned, shal extende to ambassadours, or other personages sent from outewarde princis, or to noble men, or other cõmyng into the kinges realme, or other part of his obeysance, to visite se or salute his grace, or to se the coũtrey, and not mynded to make longe or contynuall demure in the same, ne to any hencheman, heralde, or purceuaunt at armes, mynstrels, player in enterludes, syghtes, reuels, iustes, tourneyes, bariers, solempne watches, or other marcyall feates or dysguysynges, or to men of warre, beinge in the kynges wages of warre: nor to any mã for wearyng any apparayle, giuen vnto him by the kinges hyghnes, the quene, the frenche queene, the prynce or princesse, ne to any sword berer of the citie of London, or of any citie borow or towne corporate. Ne also shal extend to any vtter barrester of any of the ynnes of court for wearing in any of his apparell such silke and furre, as is before lymytted for men that maye dyspende in landes, tenementes, rentes, fees, or annuities, for terme of lyfe. xx. li. ouer all charges. Nor to any other student of the ynnes of court or Chãcery, or to any gentyll man, beinge seruaunt to any lorde, knyght, squyer, or gentylman of this realme, whose mayster may dispende. xl li. ouer all charges, for wearyng by suche studẽt or gentylman, beynge seruaunt, of doublettes & partlettes of satten, damaske, or chamlet, or iackettes of chamblet: which doublettes, partlets, or iackettes be gyuen vnto them by any of their parentes, maysters, or kynsfolkes, so always they be not of the colours of crimosin, purpure, scarlet, or blew: or for wearing of any furres, wher of the like groweth within this realme, wales, or Irelande, marternes, and blacke cony except.

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¶ It is also further enacted, that yf any manne vse or weare, at any tyme after the sayde feaste, any apparell, or other the premysses, contrarye to the tenour and fourme aforesayd, than he so offendynge, shall forfayte the same apparayle, and other premysses, so by hym vsed or worne vppon his persone, horse, mule, or other beaste, wherwith so euer it be garnished, embroudred, doubled, or myxed, or the value therof: and also iii s. iiij. d. in the name of a fyne for euery daye, that he shall so weare the same, contrary to the tenoure and pourporte of this acte. And that euery man, that woll, may laufully sewe for the same, by action of detynewe, to be commensed within xv. dayes nexte after the begynnynge of the terme, nexte ensuynge, after any suche tyme and cause of forfayture so gyuen: in the whiche action the defendāt shal not be suffred to wage his lawe, nor any essoin or protection shalbe to hym allowed in that behalfe. The one halfe of the whyche forfayture and fyne shall be to the kynges hyghnes, and the other halfe to hym or them, that woll sue for the same, in fourme, and within the tyme before lymitted.

¶ And it is further enacted, by the auctoritie aforesayd, that it shalbe laufull to the Justyces of peace in their sessiōs, the sheriffe in his turne, the steward in any lete or lawdaye, the aldermen in their wardes, and to all other persones, hauyng auctoritie to enquyre of blodshed and frayes, to enquyre of euery of the sayd offences and forfaytures: and the parties offendynge against this statute, and so presented, shal make fyne in maner and fourme, and after the rate aforesayde.

¶ Ouer this it is enacted by the auctoritye aforesayde, that all other actes made for reformation of excesse in apparayle, or araye, at anye

tyme before this present parliament, and al and synguler artycles prouysyons forfaytures and penalties, mencyoned in the sayde former actes or any of them, be frō hensforth vtterly voyde, repelled, extyncte, and of none effecte: And all transgressions, offences, sommes of money, penalties, and forfaytures for anye thynge doone contrary to the said former actes, or any of thē, before this time made for reformation of excesse in apparayle, be clerely remitted, pardoned, and released: and the offenders in that behalfe and euery of them to be thereof discharged and acquyted for euer.

¶ Prouyded alwayes, that this acte, nor anye thynge therin conteyned, be hurtefull or preiudiciall to any spyrytuall or temporall persone, in and for the wearynge any ornamentes of the church, vsed for executyng diuine seruice, or for wearynge theyr amyces, mantels, habytes, or garmentes of relygyon, or other thinges, whiche they be vsed or bounde vnto by their roumes, or promotions, or religions: ne also to any graduates, beadels, or ministers to the graduates in vniuersities and scholes, for wearynge of their habites or hoodes, with furres, lyninges, or otherwise, after such form as hertofore they haue bene accustomed to doo, any thing in this presente acte, made to the contrarye not withstandynge.

¶ Prouyded also, that this acte, nor any thing therein conteyned, be preiudyciall or hurtefull to any persone or persones for wearyng of any lynnen clothe, made or wrought out of this realme, or other parties of the kynges obeisance, ne to any persone beinge of the degree of a gentylmanne, for wearynge of any shyrte made, wroughte, or embrowdered with threde and silke onely, so the same worke or embroudry be made

made within this realme of Englande, Wales, Caleys, Berwyke, or the marches.

¶ Agaynst the byshop of Rome.

Anno. 28. Henrici. 8. cap. 10.

FOR as moche as not withstandynge the good and holsome lawes ordynances and statutes heretofore made enacted and established by the kynges hyghnes our moste gracious soueryne lord, & by the hole cõsent of his hyghe court of parlyament, for the extirpation abolution and extinguishment out of this realme, and other his gracis dominions seignories and countreys, of the pretended power and vsurped auctorite of the byshop of Rome, by som callid the pope, vsed within the same, or els where, concernyng the same realme domynions segnories or coũtreis, which did obfuscate and wrest goddis holy worde and testament a long season frome the spirituall and true meanynge therof, to his worldly and carnall affections, as pompe, glory, anaryce, ambition, and tyrannye, couerynge and shadowynge the same, with his humayne and polytike deuyses, traditions, and inuentions serre forth to promote and stablish he his onely dominion, both vpon the sowles and also the bodyes and goodes of al chrysten people, excludynge Christe out of his kyngedome and rule of man his soule, as moche as he may, and all other temporall kynges and princis out of their dominions, whiche they ought to haue by goddis lawe, vppon the bodyes and goodes of their subiectis: wherby he did not only robbe the kynges Maiestie, beynge onely the supreme heed of this his realme of Englande immediatly vnder god, of his honour, ryghte, and preeminence

mynence, due vnto hym by the lawe of god, but spoyled this his realme yearely of innumerable treasure, and with the losse of the same deceiued the kynges louyng and obedient subiectes, perswadynge to them by his lawes, bulles, and other his deceyuable meanes, suche dreames, vanyties, and fantasyes, as by the same many of them were seduced and conueyd vnto superstitious and erronious opinions: so that the kynges maiestie, the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this realm being ouerwearied and fatigated, with therperience of the infinite abhominations and mischiefes proceding of his impostures, and craftyly colourynge of his deceytes, to the great damages of sowles, bodies, and goodes, were forced of necessite for the publycque weale of this realme, to exclude that foreyne pretended power iurisdiction and auctoritie, vsed and vsurped within this realm, & to deuyse such remedies for their relefe in the same, as dothe not only redounde to the honour of god, the hygh prayse and aduauncement of the kynges maiestie, and of his realme, but also to the great and inestimable vtilite of the same. And not withstandyng the sayd holsom lawes so made, and hertofore establissshed, yet it is cõmen to the knowlege of the kynges hyghnesse, and also to dyuers and many his louyng faythfull and obedyent subiectes, how we that dyuers sedicious and contentious persones, being impes of the sayd byssshop of Rome and his see, & in harte, membres of his pretended monarchy, do in corners and els where, as they dare whisper inculke preache and perswade, and frome tyme to tyme instyl into the eares and heedes of the poore symple and vnlettered people, the aauauncement and continuance of the sayde byssshoppes feyned and pretended auctorytie, pre-

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ginall of goddis lawe, wherby the opinions of
many be ſuſpended, theyr iudgementes corrup-
ted and deceyued, & diuerſitie in opinions aug-
mented & encreaſed, to the great diſpleaſure of
almyghty god, the hygh diſcontentation of our
ſayd moſte dredde ſouerayne lorde, and the in-
terruption of the vnitie loue charitie cõcord &
agrement, that ought to be in a Chriſten region
and congregation. For auoydynge wherof and
repreſſion of the folyes of ſuche ſedicious per-
ſonnes, as be the meanes and authors of ſuche
inconuenientes. Be it enacted ordeined and eſta-
blyſſhed by the kynge our ſouerayne lord, and
the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the cõ-
mons in this preſent parlyament aſſembled, and
by thauctoritie of the ſame, that yf any perſon
or perſones, dwellynge demourrynge inhaby-
tynge or reſiant within this realme, or within
any other the kinges dominions ſeignouries or
countreys, or the marches of the ſame, or elles
where within or vnder his obeyſance & power,
of what eſtate dignite preemineñce order degree
or condicion ſo euer he or they be, after the laſt
day of Julye, whiche ſhalbe in the yere of our
lorde god. M.D.xxxvi. ſhall by writynge, cy-
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malycyoufly attribute any maner of iurisdictiō authoritie or preemynence to the sayde see of Rome, or to any byssh̄op of the same see for the time being within this realme or in any the kinges dominions or counreyes: that then euery suche persone or persones, so doinge or offendynge, theyr aydours, assistentes, comforters, abbettours, procurers, maynteyners, fautours, counsaylours, concelours, and euery of them, beynge therof laufully conuicted, according to the lawes of this realme, for euery such defaut and offence, shal incurre and runne into the dāgers, penalties, peynes, and forfaytures ordeyned and prouyded by the statute of prouision & premunire, made in the. xvi. yere of the reygne of the noble and valyant prince kyng Rychard the seconde, agaynst such as attempt procure or make prouisiō to the see of Rome or els where, for any thynge or thinges to the derogation or contrary to the prerogatiue royal or iurisdictiō of the crowne and dignitie of this realme.

¶ And to the intent that this acte at all tymes may be well and trewely executed, and the offendours therof haue and receiue condigne punyshement accordyng to their demerites. It is enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that as wel iustices of assise in their circuities, as iustices of peace within the lymites of their cōmission and auctorities, or two of euery suche iustyciers of peace at the least, wherof one to be of the quorum, shall haue full power and auctoritie to enquyre of al offences, cōtemptes, and transgressions perpetrated commytted or done contrary to this acte, in lyke maner and fourme as they may of other offences ayenst the kynges peace, And shall certify euery presentment afore them or any of them hadde or made, concernyng this acte or any parte therof, before the kyng in his

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benche, within. xl. dayes nexte after any ſuche preſentment hadde or made, if the terme be than open: And if not, than at the fyrſte daye of the terme next folowynge the ſayd. xl. dayes, vpon peyn that euery of the iuſticiars of aſſiſe, or iuſticiars of peace, before whome ſuche preſentment ſhall be made, makynge defaulte of ſuche certificat cõtrary to this ſtatute, to loſe and forfayte forty poundes to the kynges highnes.

¶ And it is enacted by the auctoritie aforſayd, that the Juſticiars of the kynges benche, aſwel vpon euery ſuche certificat as by inquerye before theym ſelues within the lymyttes of their auctoritie, ſhall haue full power and auctoritie to here order and determyne euery ſuche offence, done or commytted contrary to this act, accordyng to the lawes of this realme, in ſuche lyke maner and fourme to al intentes and purpoſes, as if the perſone or perſonnes, agaynſte whome any preſentement ſhal be hadde vppon this eſtature, hadde be preſented vpon any matter or offence expreſſed in the ſaid eſtatute, made in the ſayde. xvi. yere of kynge Rycharde the ſeconde.

¶ And it is alſo enacted by the auctoritie afore ſayde, that al and euery archbyſſhops byſſhops and archedeacons within this realme, their cõmiſſaries, vycars general, and other their miniſters, in euery their viſitations and ſeanes, ſhal make diligent inſearche, enquirie, and examination of all and euery eccleſiaſtical and religious perſon within and of their iuriſdiction, which ſhalbe ſuſpected accuſed or demed to be a tranſgreſſour or offendonr of this acte. And if vpon ſuche ſerch enquirie and examination any eccleſiaſticall or relygious perſons ſhalbe preſented ſuſpected, accuſed, or found culpable by witnes or confeſſion, of any offence cõrtary to this act,

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and be preſent at the tyme of ſuche preſentment examination or accuſation: that than euery the archebyſſhops byſſhoppes and archedeacons, their commyſſaryes, vycars generall, and other their mynyſters, afore or to whom any ſuch perſone ſhall be preſented, ſuſpected, accuſed, or founde culpable, (as is aforeſayde) ſhal cõmyt euery ſuche perſone ſo preſented ſuſpected accuſed or founde culpable, yf he be preſente, as is aforeſayde, to the nexte common tayle of the ſhyre where ſuche enquirie examynation or accuſation ſhal be hadde or made, or els by good and ſufficient ſureties to be bounden by obligation to the kynges vſe, ſhall let euery ſuch perſone to bayle by their diſcretions, to appere before the kynge and his counſayle, in the ſterre chamber at weſtmynſter, within. xv. dayes next after ſuche enquyrie preſentment or accuſation, yf the terme be then open and kepte, or elles in the fyrſt day of the terme next folowynge after the ſame enquyrie preſentement or accuſation. And at the ſame day limited for ſuch apparance they ſhall certifye into the ſayde ſterre chaumber by wrytynge vnder theyr ſeales, as well the ſayde bonde and obligation, taken for ſuche apparaunce, as the preſentement examynation accuſation or conuiction of euerye ſuche perſonne, and all depoſitions and circumſtaunces thereof, and the name of the tayle, whereynto they haue committed the ſayd perſonne. And if any ſuche eccleſiaſticall or religious perſon, beinge preſented ſuſpected or accuſed in any ſeane or viſitation, be not preſente at the tyme of the ſayde ſeane or viſitation as is aforeſayde, that than neuertheleſſe euery the ſayd archbyſſhops byſſhops and archedeacons, theyr cõmiſſaries, vycars generall, and all other their mynyſters, afore or to whom any ſuche preſentment ſuſpe-

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ction or accuſation ſhall be had or made, ſhall certifye euery ſuche preſentment ſuſpection and accuſation, and all circumſtaunce therof, as is afore ſayd, into the ſterre chamber at weſtmynſter within .xv. dayes next after ſuche preſentement ſuſpection or accuſation had or made, or in the fyrſte daye of the terme nexte folowynge after ſuche preſentment ſuſpection or accuſation, in ſuche maner and fourme as is afore reherſed. And in caſe any eccleſiaſticall or religious perſonne, beinge preſented ſuſpected or accuſed of any offence done or attempted contrarye to this eſtatute, be therof conuycted by confeſſion or wytneſſe before any archebyſſhoppe byſſhop or archedeacon, or before any the commiſſaries, vicars general, or other their miniſters, in their ſeanes or viſitations, or before the kinges coũſayle in the ſterre chamber at weſtmynſter, that than euery ſuch ſpirituall and religious perſon, ſoo beinge conuycte, ſhall ſuffer ſuche peynes penalties and forfaytures, as be expreſſed in the ſayd ſtatute made in the ſayde .xvi. yere of kynge Rycharde the ſeconde.

¶ It is alſo enacted by thauctoritie afore ſayd, that yf any eccleſiaſtical iudge or vyſitatour do volũtarily concele cloke hyde or colour any preſentment accuſation or confeſſion, that ſhall be made to hym concernynge this ſtatute, and doo not certify euery ſuche accuſation preſentment or confeſſion before the kynge and his counſell in the ſterryd Chamber at weſtmynſter, in ſuche maner and fourme as is aboue ſpecyfied in this eſtatute: that than euery ſuche eccleſyaſtycalle iudge and viſitatour, ſo wylfully offendyng, for euery ſuche defaulte ſhall forfayte .xl.li. the one halfe therof to the kynges hyghnes, the other halfe to ſuche perſone as wyll ſue for the ſame by originall wryt byll playnt or informacion in

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any of the kynges courtes: in whiche ſuyte no eſſoyne protection or wager of lawe ſhalbe admytted nor allowed.

¶ And for ſtronger defence and mayntenaunce of this act, it is ordeined and enacted by auctoritie aforeſayd, that all and euery eccleſiaſticall iudge, ordinary, chauncellour, commiſſary, officiall, vycar generall, and other eccleſiaſtical officer or miniſter, of what dignite preeminẽce or degre ſo euer they ſhall be, And all and euery temporall iudge, iuſtyciar, mayre, baylyffe, ſheryffe, vnderſheryffe, eſchetour, alderman, turat, counſtable, heedborowe, thyrdborowghe, borſholder, and euery other lay officer, and miniſter, to be made, created, electid, or admitted within this realme, or any other the kynges dominiõs, of what eſtate order degree or cõdicion ſo euer he ſhalbe from and after the ſayde laſte daye of July, ſhall before he take vpon hym the execution of ſuch offyce, make, take, & receyue a corporall othe vpon the Euangeliſtes, before ſuch perſon or perſons, as haue or ſhall haue auctoritie to admytte hym, that he frome henſeforthe ſhal vtterly renoũce refuſe relynquyſſhe or forſake the biſhop of Rome, and his auctoritie power and iuriſdiction. And that he ſhall neuer conſent nor agree, that the biſhop of Rome ſhal practiſe exercyſe or haue any maner of auctoritie iuriſdictiõ or power within this realme, or any other the kynges dominions, but that he ſhall reſyſte the ſame at all tymes to thuttermoſte of his power. And that from henſeforthe he ſhall accepte repute and take the kynges maieſtie to be the onely ſupreme heed in erth of the churche of Englande. And that to his counnyng wytte and vttermoſt of his power, without gile fraud or other vndewe meane, he ſhall obſerue kepe mayntayne and defend the hole effectes and cõ-

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tentes of all and ſynguler actes & ſtatutes made and to be made within this realme, in derogation extirpation and extinguiſhement of the biſhop of Rome and his auctoritie. And al other actes and ſtatutes made and to be made in reformation & corroboration of the kynges power of ſupreme heed in erthe of the churche of Englande: and this he ſhall do agaynſt all maner of perſones, of what eſtate dignitie degree or condicion they be, & in no wiſe do nor attempt, nor to his power ſuffer to be done or attempted directly or indirectly any thyng or thynges primly or apartly, to the lette hynderance damage or derogation therof, or of any parte therof, by any maner of meanes, or for any maner of pretẽce. And in caſe any oth be made or hath bene made by hym to any perſone or perſones, in mayntenaunce defence or fauour of the byſſhop of Rome, or his auctoritie iuriſdiction or power, he repute the ſame as vayne and adnichilate, ſoo helpe hym god all ſayntes, and the holy Euangeliſt.

¶ And it is alſo enacted by the authoritie afore ſayde, that all and euerye perſone and perſones ſpirituall and temporall, ſuyng lyuere reſtitutions or vtterle mayne out of the kyng, his heires, or ſucceſſours handes, or doinge any fealtie to his highnes, his heyres, or ſucceſſours, or which ſhalbe ſworne to the kynge his heyres or ſucceſſours, or that ſhal haue any office fee or roume of the moſt gracious gyfte of the kinges mateſtie, his heires, or ſucceſſours, or ſhalbe reteyned in ſeruyce, with his grace, his heires, or ſucceſſours, ſhal make take and receyue the ſaid othe. And that alſo al and euery religious perſonne, at the tyme of his or their profeſſion or entre into religiõ, and euery other eccleſiaſticall perſonne at the tyme of his takyng of orders, &

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all and euery other person, whiche shall be pro-
moted or preferred to any degree of lernyng in
any vniuersitie within this realme, or other the
kynges dominions at the tyme of his promotiō
or preferrement, and euery of them, shall make
take and receiue the said oth, before his or their
souerayne, ordinary, or the commissary of such
vniuersitie.

¶ And it is also enacted by the auctoritie afore
sayde, that yf any persone or personnes, lymyt-
ted or commaunded by auctoritie of this act to
make the sayde othe, or commaunded by any o-
ther personne or personnes, auctorysed by the
kynges hyghnesse commission vnder his greatte
seale, or his seale ordeined for causes ecclesiasti
call, to make the sayde othe, obstynately refuse
that to do: that than euery such offence and cō-
tempt shall be hygh treason, and the offenders
therof beynge laufullye conuycted, shall suffer
peynes of deth and other forfaytures penalties
and losses, as is lymitted and accustomed in ca-
ses of hygh treason by any lawes or statutes of
this realme heretofore made.

¶ Prouyded alwayes, and be it enacted, that
this acte, nor any thyng or thynges in the same
rehersed mēcioned or comprysed, be in any wise
preiudiciall hurtfull or derogatory to the cere-
monies vses and other laudable x polytike or-
dynaunces, for a tranquyllitie, discypline, con-
corde, deuocyon, vnytie, and decent order here-
tofore in the churche of Englande vsed institu-
ted taken and accepted, nor to any personne or
personnes accordyngly vsynge the same or any
of theym.

¶ Prouyded alwaye, and be it enacted by auc-
toritie of this presente parlyamente, that this
acte concernynge the byshop of Rome, or any
thyng to be done by his vsurped auctoritie, shal

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no further bynde nor extende to and vppon the kynges subiectes of his yle of Jersey, Gerneſey, and Alderney, in any other maner forme or condicion, than it ſhall pleaſe the kynges hyghnes, with the aduyſe of his moſt honourable counſayle, vpon conſyderation and examynation of the ſtate and diſpoſition of his ſayde yles, and the common welth of the ſame, herafter to eſtablyſſhe ordeyne & declare vnto them by his gracious letters patentes vnder his great ſeale: and that the ſaid lettets patentes & euery thing therin to be cõteined, ſhalbe of the ſame effect, ſtrength, and vertue, as if they had ben paſſed and enacted by auctoritie of parliament, any thynge in the ſayd act conteyned to the contrary in any wyſe not withſtandynge.

GOD SAVE THE KYNGE.

Londini in ædibus Thomæ Berthe-
leti typis impreſſ.
Cum priuilegio ad imprimen-
dum ſolum.
ANNO. M. D. XL.